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DISCUSSION OF VITAL QUESTIONS ONLY BEGINNING

MASS OF FIGURES

CONFERENCE TO LAST UNTIL MIDDLE OF MARCH

London, Yesterday.

At a two hours' meeting this morning the British, French and American experts discussed the figures based mainly on the French Memorandum. No plenary meeting has yet been arranged, and it is pointed out that the mass of figures from British, French, American and Japanese sources must be sorted out.

One well-informed delegate described the position as being "something like a crossword puzzle." The favourite guess for the duration of the conference now is to the middle of March.

M. Tardieu and M. Briand left for Paris this morning. The former, intervened by Reuter, emphasised that there was no need to hurry, as discussion on the vital question of figures was only beginning.—Reuter.

THE MAIN TASK BEGUN

Rugby, Yesterday.
The London Naval Conference is now closely engaged on its main task—that of determining the tonnage figures to be allotted to the different Powers in the various categories of ships—for which a skeleton table has been prepared by the experts, working under the direction of the First Committee of the Conference.

There have been important contributions to the consideration of the problem of supplying these figures in the Memorandum published within the past eight days by the American, British, French and Japanese delegations, and these statements have been undergoing a close scrutiny this week by the delegates. It is recognised that when agreement has been reached regarding these figures the work of the conference will be practically over, for on other outstanding matters, good progress is being made.

The French memorandum which was supplied to various delegations yesterday was the main basis of a long discussion day-to-day between the principal British, American and French delegates. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and others present were the United States' Secretary of State, Mr. A. L. Stimson, Senators Robinson and M. Tardieu and the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand. The discussion was a continuation of the conversations begun on Wednesday and resumed yesterday, and the general position which the conference has reached on the questions arising out of the production of the tonnage figures and classification was reviewed. The discussions will be taken up again early next week.

Good Progress

Meanwhile, the experts to-day continued to explore the question of ships which it is proposed should be exempt from limitation. It is understood that it has practically been decided to adopt with some small alterations the categories of exempt classes provisionally agreed upon at the Geneva Conference in 1927. The experts then proceeded to discuss the position regarding special vessels such, for example, as patrol boats and seaplane carriers, which, like aircraft carriers, are not equipped for vessels landing or taking off from their decks, hulls used for training ships, and monitors mounting heavy guns. It is probable that the examination of the position of this special class of vessels will occupy some considerable time.

No important developments in connection with the Naval Conference are expected during the week-end. The Prime Minister left this afternoon for Chequers. M. Tardieu and M. Briand have returned to Paris. Mr. Stimson will spend the week-end in the country, and the Italian delegate, Signor Grendi, has gone to Brighton.

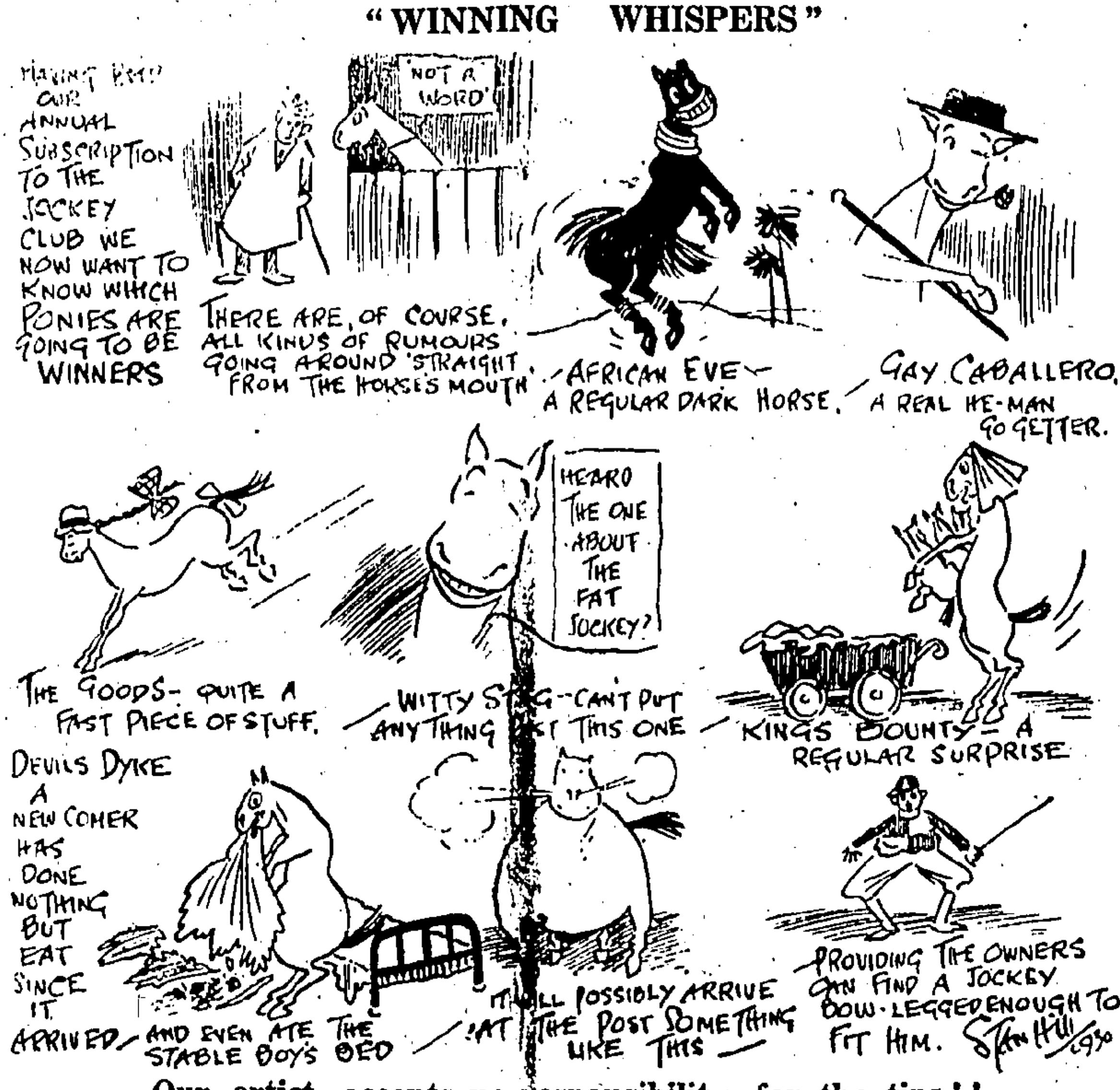
Exempt Ships

With the appearance of the Memorandum issued last night some hours after that from the Japanese, four out of the five Powers at the Naval Conference have made statements of their naval requirements.

The French Memorandum gives the present French naval tonnage at 631,800 tons, which is less by 457,000 tons than the 1914 total. France would accept the agreed building programmes for the Japanese and American navies only if it is explained that since Britain and America have agreed to the principle of parity, the Japanese consider themselves justified in making the American fleet the standard on which to measure Japan's requirements.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

The Memorandum suggests that the Japanese would accept the



Our artist accepts no responsibility for the tips!!

FOREIGNER FOUND DEAD

DISCOVERY IN THE KOWLOON HOTEL

STRANGER TO COLONY?

The body of a European, believed to be a Norwegian, named H. Nyhus (40), was removed by the Police to the Kowloon mortuary early this morning.

The unfortunate man was found dead at 2.15 a.m., sitting in a chair in the billiard room at the Kowloon Hotel.

Dr. J. E. Dovey examined the body later in the morning and was of opinion that death was due to natural causes.

The *China Mail* upon further enquiry, learns that Mr. Nyhus was found in a chair by hotel boys who were cleaning the place. The corner he was found in it may be noted, is a rather inconspicuous one.

Up to the time of going to press, little has been discovered about Mr. Nyhus, but he is described as a stout man, with curly hair and spoke with a marked foreign accent.

The French statement is generally interpreted as meaning that France will not agree to any reduction unless she is guaranteed "security," otherwise "a Mediterranean Locarno."

The Japanese statement is notable for the fact that it does not give definite figures, but does not press a demand for 70 per cent. of the ratio with America.

Both Memoranda are regarded as opening a way for negotiation with a real possibility of agreement, at least in the reduction of capital ships.

Longkey, Florida, Yesterday.
Owing to the developments of the Naval Conference, President Hoover is shortening his fishing holiday and returns to Washington on Saturday, instead of Monday.

Official despatches dealing with the French proposals were delivered to the Presidential yacht.

From the President's action the opinion is held that the Conference has reached a point at which the actual negotiations can begin. It is learned that the Japanese proposals are even more helpful than was anticipated.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
Although officials have not yet had time to study M. Tardieu's statement, the first reaction caused thereby is understood to be the fact that another Power is demanding tonnages so differing from those of the Washington Treaty, that it is considered to strengthen Japan's claim for seventy per cent.

Japan's Proposals

Tokyo, Yesterday.
It is authoritatively learned that the Japanese memorandum presented to the American and other delegations on Wednesday offered two alternatives to the tonnage proposals for the Japanese and American navies only. It is explained that since Britain and America have agreed to the principle of parity, the Japanese consider themselves justified in making the American fleet the standard on which to measure Japan's requirements.

In the first schedule, America has

submarines 82,000 tons; Japan 126,000 tons, 100,000 tons, 105,000 tons, 76,000 tons.

Under this proposal Japan will attain the proposed larger cruiser standard by adding twelve, totalling 108,000 tons, and will retain her present submarine strength.

The alternative proposal is an American 160,000, 159,000, 150,000, and 92,000 tons; Japan 108,000, 105,000, 76,000 tons.

London, Yesterday.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Changes in Precedence Gazette

Additional instructions passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet to the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hong Kong in regard to the precedence of members of the Legislative Council are contained in the current issue of the Government Gazette which read:—

(1) First, the Official Members in the following order:—

(a) The ex officio Members in the order in which their offices are mentioned (except that the Senior Military Officer, if below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in

FINE TO CLOUDY?

To-day's weather report issued at 10.57 a.m. by the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone has strengthened and now appears to be central over the Upper Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China, and fresh monsoons over the China Sea.

Local forecast:—N. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy.

STEAMER IN COLLISION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

There was a dense fog in the Channel throughout last night and this morning.

Last night an American steamer

collided with the South Goodwin lightship damaging her above the waterline, but she will remain at her station.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S GOVERNOR

Rugby, Yesterday.

Lord and Lady Bledisloe left London to-day for New Zealand, where Lord Bledisloe will take up his duties as Governor-General.—British Wireless Service.

RUSSO-ASIAN BANK

Rugby, Yesterday.

A supplementary dividend is to be declared in connection with the winding up of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in 1928.

Creditors are requested to send their names and addresses together with particulars of their debts or claims to the Official Receiver before April 15.

COURSING

Church Street Wins Waterloo Cup

London, Yesterday.

In the final of the Waterloo Cup, Church Street beat Winspear Betting, 11 to 8 on Church Street's terms.

Reuter.

AMALGAMATION OF THE COAL MINES

COMMISSIONER TO PREPARE COMPULSORY SCHEMES

RUGBY EFFICIENCY?

Rugby, Yesterday.

The clause relating to the appointment of commissioners who, failing voluntary amalgamations of the collieries, would have the power to prepare compulsory schemes for such amalgamations, was carried in the House of Commons by 281 votes to 182. The adoption of the clause was opposed by Conservatives, the former President of the Board of Trade, Sir Cunliffe Lister, declaring that if amalgamations paid they would be made voluntarily, whereas as the swamping of good collieries with debts of bad ones would ruin efficiency.

The President of the Board of Trade, in his reply, said that the effect of the clause would be to encourage voluntary amalgamations and to provide safeguards against unreasonable, compulsory amalgamations.

In regard to part one of the Bill, which includes a marketing scheme and a production system and limitation of output, Mr. William Graham said that the Government regarded this part of the measure as vital and would defend it in the House of Commons.

In its present form it is understood that this part of the Bill is approved by both Liberals and Conservatives.

The miners' Federation met yesterday and passed a resolution demanding the retention of part one of the Coal Mines Bill, adding, "The Bill in our opinion would be useless without that provision."—British Wireless Service.

KOWLOON BLAZE

The Kowloon Fire Brigade received a call at 1.30 this morning to a fire at a matched used by the P.W.D. as a store shed in Jordan Road.

Three engines were sent out, but the blaze was found not to be a very serious one. It was put out in about an hour.

The shed and its contents were damaged by water from the hoses, but there was no loss of life or injury.

FORD'S FUTURE

Fort Myers, Florida, Yesterday.

Mr. Henry Ford has announced that he intends to devote his life and twenty million sterling in founding trade and other schools. He declares that much of the prevalent crime is due to improper education, and "racketeering" is merely a revolt against the failure of society to fit young folks.

Reuter.

QUARTETTE OF SHOP-LIFTERS

WHOLESALE HAUL FROM STORES

SYSTEMATIC PLUNDER

Said to be members of a gang of professional shop-lifters, four Chinese were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, to-day, in connection with thefts from various shops in town.

The first man, who was described as the ringleader, was charged on four counts, as under:—

(1) theft, on February 7, of an electric clock from the showroom of the Hong Kong Electric Co.;

(2) receiving stolen property;

(3) theft of a pair of lady's gloves, singlets, jumpers, etc., from the Wing On Co.; and

(4) theft of ladies' pullovers and other apparel from the Chosen Co.

He admitted the three thefts charges, whereupon the charge of receiving stolen property was dropped.

The other three men were charged with receiving various articles from No. 1, knowing them to have been stolen. They all pleaded "guilty."

Detective-Sergeant Whelan stated that the men had been acting as professional shop-lifters for some time. Besides the property produced in Court, worth together at about \$100, many other articles and pawn tickets relating to other property were seized by the Police, who, however, had been unable to trace the owners, and therefore could not charge the accused with the theft of these articles.

The accused always worked in conjunction. First accused would steal things and pass them to the other three who would pawn or otherwise dispose of them.

The Ironsides

The Ironsides formerly invaded the southern section of Kwangtung in two directions—one from Jungyuan, Shumchi, aiming at the capture of Loting, and the other from Watlam, Pekpo to Ninkong, with Kochow as their objective.

The first route was under the command of Teng Lung-kwong. His troops had been driven back from Shumchi to Jungyuan, where they were subsequently disarmed by Generals Chiang and Tsol. The 2nd route is under the command of Li Hon-yun, who, although they had some days ago successfully reached Ninkong, have, however, withdrawn their remnants to the Kwangtung border, owing to their fear that their allies—the Kwangtungites—would be intercepted by the 8th Route Army. Chang Fa-kuei, himself, is reported to have proceeded to Ninkong via Kwangchowwan, for the enlistment of bandits.

The Northern Generals

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Having accepted the appointment of Commander of Bandit Suppression in Anhwei Province, General Ma Hung-kuai has moved all his troops of the 11th Army from Hsichow to the above province.

General Ma Hung-kuai wired to General Shih Yu-san on February 10, advising him in a friendly manner to comply with the orders of the Central Government and to release the detained rolling stock with the least possible delay.

Due to illness, General Han Fu-kui wired on February 11 to President Chiang and General Yen Hsien-shan, appealing for half a month's leave of absence.

Troops Mutiny

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A battalion of troops under General Fan Shih-san mutinied at Fancheng on February 11; the mutineers escaped towards Wu-tan-san after looting the locality. The chief accountant of that battalion is reported killed.

The Lung-Hai Line

Owing to the damage by dynamite of the bridge near Kuei-teh and the detention of rolling stock by Generals Han Fu-kui and Shih Yu-san, the communications on the Lung-Hai Line have again been suspended. The Central Government has wired to General Yen Hsien-shan to make investigation into the matter and report accordingly.

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Hong Kong, February 14, 1930.

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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held in the City Hall on THURSDAY, March 6, 1930.

The Show will be opened to the Public between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

ADMISSION 31.

There will be an Orchestra in attendance.

Prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Southorn at 6 p.m.

The Entries for the Flower Show will close at Noon on Wednesday, February 26, in the Secretaries' Office, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dowdall & Company, Limited, on MONDAY, the 10th March, 1930, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1929.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st March to 10th March, 1930, both dates inclusive.

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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong, February 12, 1930.

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Hong Kong, February 8, 1930.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th February, to Saturday, the 22nd February, 1930 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1930.

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MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members' Badges may be obtained by those members who have not already received them on application to the Secretary.

Such Badges will also ensure admission to all Extra Race Meetings during 1930.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

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Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. per day for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

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Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary

Hong Kong, 10th February, 1930.

IN UNKNOWN WASTES

Lost Explorers Found By 'Planes

GRAPHIC NARRATIVE

We call from the Winnipeg Free Press and Evening Bulletin of December 7 the following graphic account of the rescue and return to civilization of Colonel C. D. H. MacAlpine and his party of explorers, who set out by plane to investigate the possibilities of Canada's far North.

The planes were forced to land in unknown wastes, and the party was taken to safety by a band of Eskimos, who had never seen a white man before.

A rescue party in planes, sent out by Western Canada Airways, which was sent out from Winnipeg, eventually located the lost explorers, and brought them back to safety.

An abridged version of the story as printed in the Winnipeg paper is given below.

For centuries the Arctic wastes of North America have held in their grim grip many stirring stories of adventure and hardship. Explorers have from time to time sought to break the grip and unravel some of the mysteries, only to fail and thus add to those mysteries.

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Return To Winnipeg
Describing the return of the explorers, the Free Press goes on to say:

Three airplanes soaring through clear skies returned the MacAlpine yesterday afternoon in what proved to be the smoothest going of all the adventurous flights which brought them by stages back from the lonely and barren shores of the Arctic ocean to the settlements of white men. With them and piloting them came members of the dauntless band of airmen who rescued them from ice-girt Victoria Island after they had been lost to all knowledge of the outside world for 54 days.

Accorded Warm Welcome

Col. MacAlpine, became the centre of a welcoming group, among whom was his 20-year-old son, Rod, and Lieut.-Col. Ralph H. Webb, mayor-elect of Winnipeg, and the others of the picturesquely garbed party were besieged by those who had impatiently awaited them.

There was one thing dominant in Col. MacAlpine's mind since the greetings were over, and it apparently was shared by all others of the party, and that was a keen desire for a warm bath.

"What I want is a bathtub, a shave, and a manicure," remarked the colonel in a yearning voice as he strode off to the waiting motor car, accompanied by his son, who had his father's duffle bag across his shoulders.

Major Robert F. Baker, of Port Colborne, a pilot of the original party; Alex. Milne, of Winnipeg, a mechanic of the original party; J. C. Rogers, manager for Dominion Explorers at Stony Rapids; and Captain Bill Spence, of the rescue party, came in the first plane with Col. MacAlpine, Charles Sutton piloting.

Almost an hour later the second plane came out of the northwest, having aboard Ken Dewar, pilot; Captain G. A. Thompson, a pilot of the original party, Col. "Peace River" Jim Cornwall, Mayor L. W. Burwash, and Tommy Slers and Pat Sample, mechanics.

The third and last plane to land arrived 25 minutes later at 3 p.m., piloted by H. Hollick-Kenyon, and contained Captain Stanley McMillan, a pilot of the original party; E. A. Bondway pilot-geologist of the MacAlpine party; and the mechanics, Bill Nadin, Paul Davis, Graham Longley and George Logie.

In the last lap of the return flight the first two named planes flew from Cranberry Portage, and the last plane to arrive came from The Pas, after making a later start than the others.

The members of the returning party made a theatrical sight as they emerged from the planes which brought them back. Eskimo garments had been added to their original Arctic clothing. One man wore a snug-looking caribou skin

Instancing this, Mr. Blanchet pointed out that when McAlpine found that the lakes he had to cross were freezing over, he struck for the

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**SHIPPING SECTION.****YANKEE DECK OFFICERS****FOREIGNERS MUST "TAKE A BACK SEAT"****POPULAR BELIEF**

Recently in the officers' recreation rooms of the Seamen's Church Institute, 25 South St., New York, some American ships' officers were discussing the relative merits of others who follow the sea, but under the flag of a foreign nation. Said one: "This is about the time of the year for Fried, Cummings or Fish to pull off another rescue"; and another, "When it comes to handling vessels the foreigners have got to take a back seat—if they had had American mates on the Vestris it would have been a different story."

While this putting-on-the-back party was in progress, an expert on stability was delivering a very comprehensive lecture to a score of men on the top floor of the same building. Of these men, seated in a room which could easily accommodate 60, scarcely a half-dozen represented the seagoing element. The lecture, intended primarily for

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ships' officers, was delivered in "A-B-C" language, well within the grasp of the least intelligent of American officers. Broadcast in almost all shipping periodicals, and notice mailed to most every shipping company in the port and on the conspicuous officers' bulletin boards of the Seamen's Institute, there was no logical reason on the part of the group in the recreation room to evade such a splendid treatment of a subject so vitally important to their seagoing profession.

Are American officers the best informed in the profession?

It is a waste of effort for institutions, such as the American Bureau and the Merchant Marine School of the Seamen's Church Institute, to present free lectures on construction, stability and freeboard because of the popular belief that all of our officers know the subjects from "A" to "Z".

These questions may be answered by a comparison of qualifications required of our officers by the U.S. Steamboat Inspection Service with those of foreign officers by their respective governments. Of course, such a comparison will not cover the individual of any mercantile marine who, on his own initiative, obtains knowledge of subjects important to his profession, but not required by licence or certificate-granting bodies. However, for the majority the following is offered:

Subjects Required**Mathematics**

France, Germany and Holland require an examination in algebra, geometry and trigonometry. Great Britain and Belgium demand geometry and trigonometry. America requires no examination in mathematics.

Mechanics, Physics, Ship Construction

Germany and France require all three while Great Britain and Belgium require but the last two. America, according to the latest 1929 regulations, requires knowledge of ship construction for Master's licence only.

Steam Engineering

Belgium, France and Holland make this a requirement, but America and Germany do not. Great Britain offers an indorsement if the deck officer so desires and passes the examination.

Foreign Languages

France, Germany and Holland require knowledge of a foreign language, but apparently America

WRECKED SEAMEN'S WAGES**ACTION INVOLVING AN IMPORTANT POINT**

Judgment has been given in the Admiralty Court by the President, Lord Merrivale, in a test action involving an important point with regard to the payment of wages to a seaman after a wreck, when the wreck prevented the seaman completing his term of employment with the ship. The action was brought by John Murray, a quartermaster and able-bodied seaman on the Croxeth Hall, belonging to Ellerman Lines, Ltd. He sued the company, as owners of the vessel, for £31 1s. wages and subsistence allowance under the Merchant Shipping Act of 1925. A similar question arose in a second case tried at the same time, in which Joseph Comerford, a refrigerating greaser on the Celtic, sued her owners for wages under the same act. Both actions had been referred to the Admiralty Summary Jurisdiction under the Court by the Liverpool Court of Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

Murray was engaged for a voyage on the Croxeth Hall, which was wrecked off Flushing on February 27 last. As a result his services were terminated on March 4, before the date on which, but for the wreck, they would have ended. Murray claimed two months' wages and subsistence allowance at the rate of 4s. per day under the Act, which provided that "where, by reason of a wreck or loss of a ship on which a seaman is employed, his services terminate before the date contemplated in the agreement, he shall be entitled, in respect of each day on which he is unemployed during a period of two months from the date of the termination of the service, to receive wages at the rate to which he is entitled at that date." It was also provided that the seaman should not be entitled to receive wages if the shipowner showed that the wreck of the ship or that the seaman was able to obtain suitable employment. The contention of the two plaintiffs in the actions was that under the terms of the Act they were entitled to two months' wages from the date of their discharge following the wreck.

Leave to Appeal

Lord Merrivale found in favour of the two men, and judgment was entered in their favour with costs. Leave to appeal was given. The President said that the plaintiffs were entitled, under the terms of the statute, to wages for a period of two months from the date of the wreck, but they could not sustain any claim for promises of shore work on the ship arriving in port, carrying with it a subsistence allowance. That was not contemplated by the section, which dealt only with wages. On the ground of construction, as well as on the broader grounds with which he regarded the scope and the apparent intention of the statute, he thought it was impossible to construe the section as was proposed on behalf of the companies. The section was not an indemnity section, but he considered it in the nature of a safeguard or aid to enable the seaman to claim compensation for the loss of wages if he were out of work through the ship being wrecked. It was limited to two months, provided that it was shown the seaman could not obtain other employment. He thought that the men were entitled to the claim for wages from the time of the wreck.

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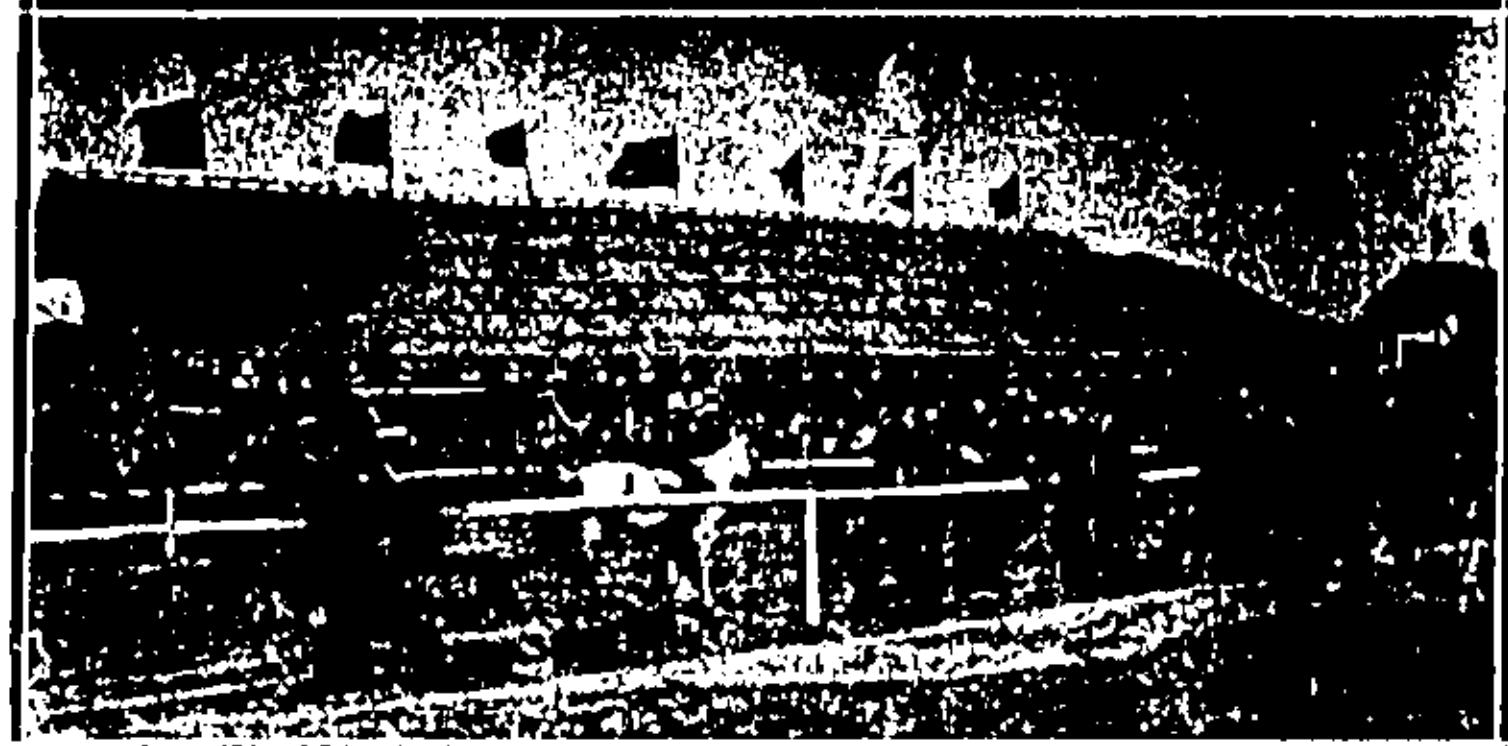
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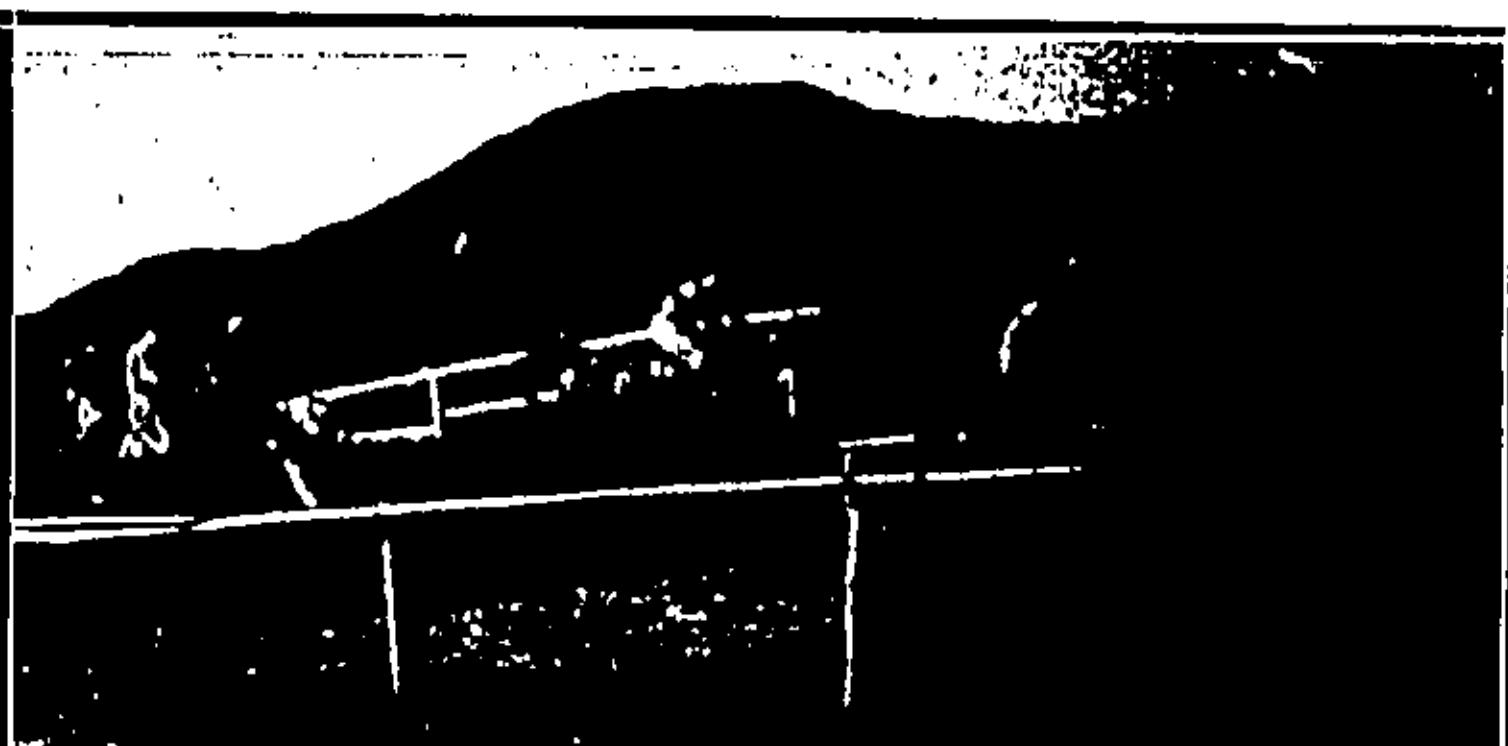
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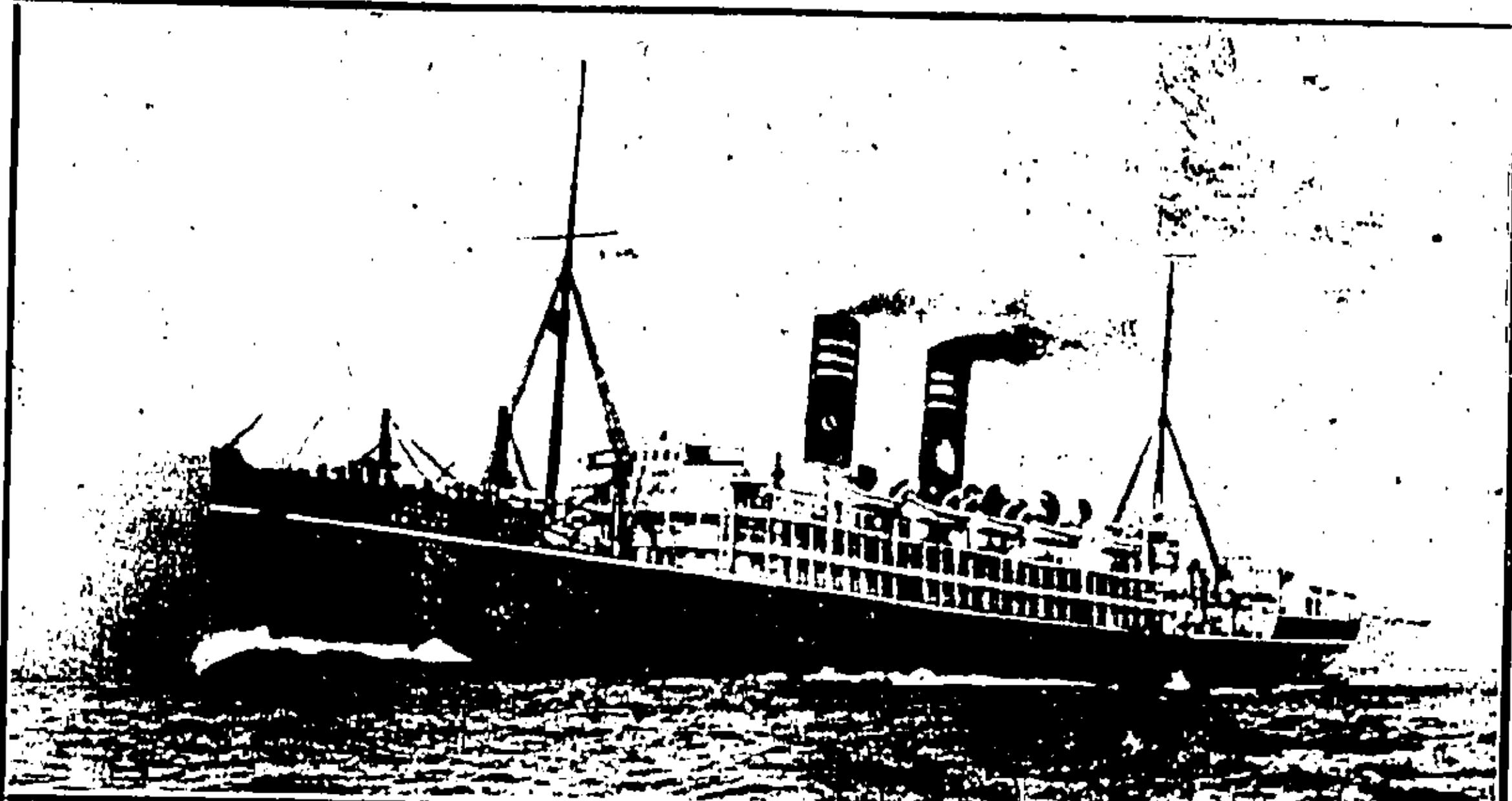
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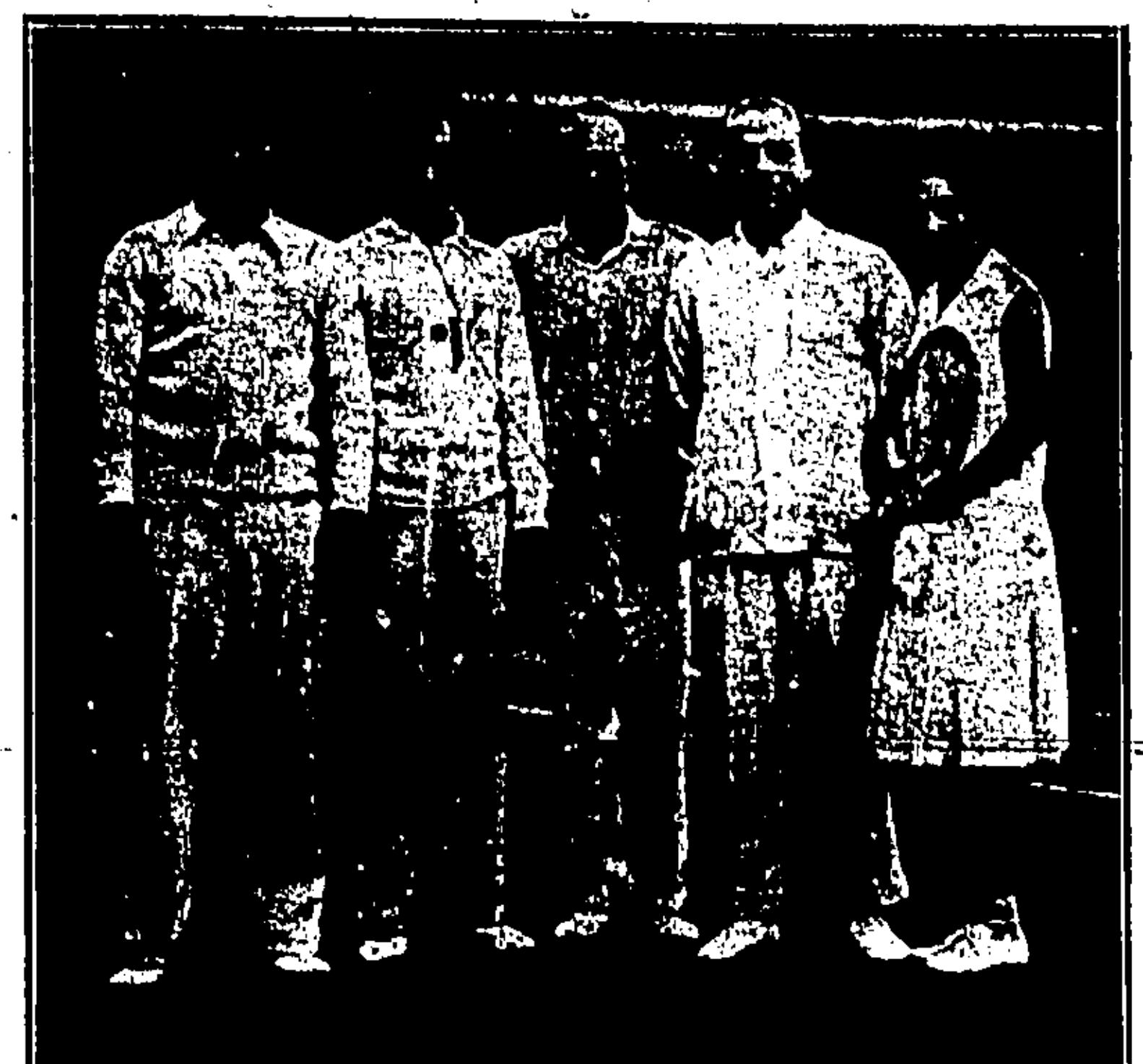
REGIMENTAL RACE.—The Somersets Regimental race during the Gymkhana held at Fanling last week.—(K. Fujiyama).



OVER THE STICKS.—Clearing the jump in good style during the Regimental Gymkhana at Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



S.S. SIBERIA MARU.—This luxurious N.Y.K. liner, one of the most popular passenger carriers on the southern Pacific route, has now been transferred to the Orient-Seattle service. View of the s.s. Siberia Maru steaming into the harbour.



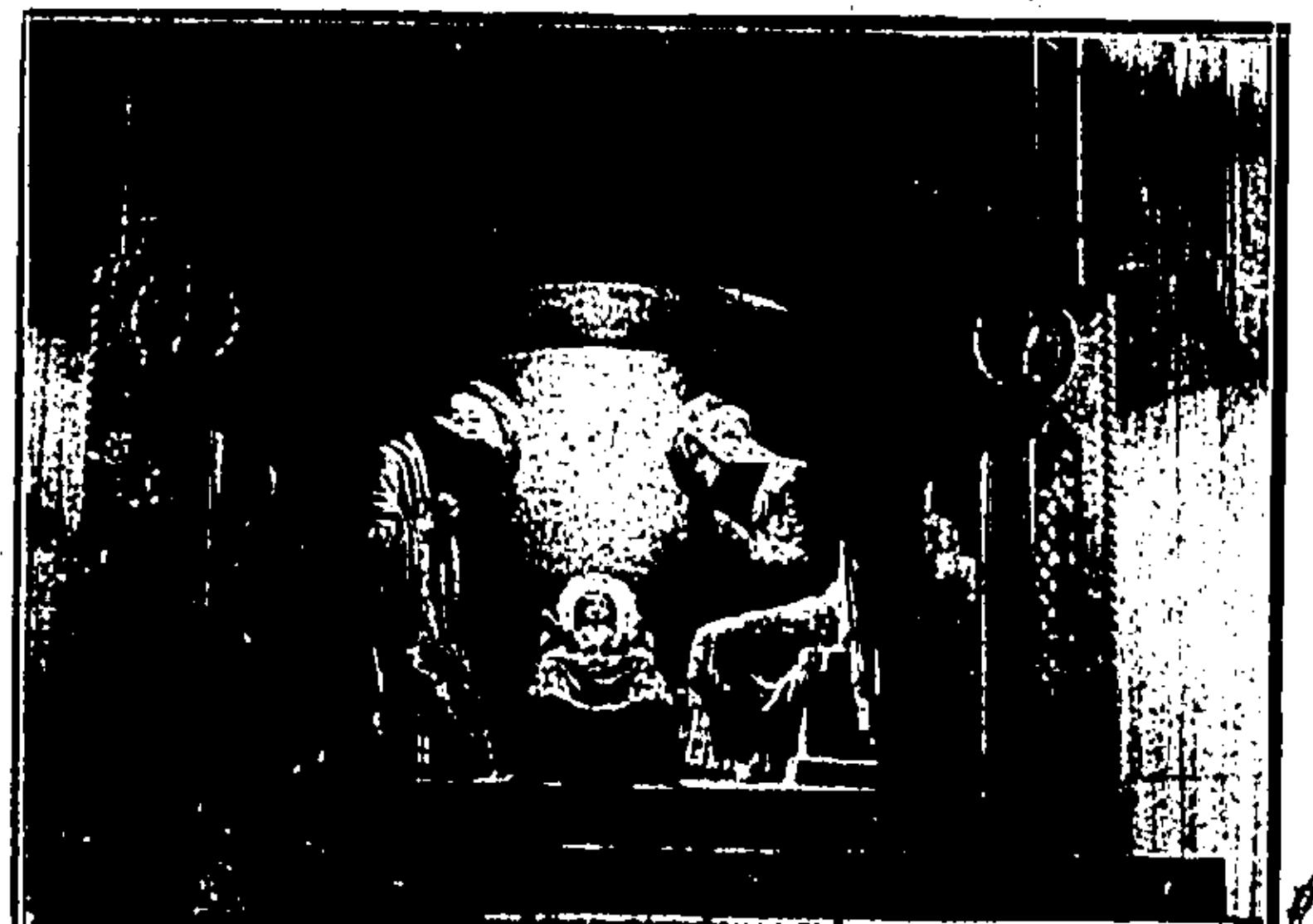
A FRIENDLY BOUT.—Mr. Sato and Mr. Harada, the Japanese Davis Cup players, after a bout with Messrs. Lo and Miss E. Lo.—(K. Fujiyama).



LADIES' QUOITS.—Ladies playing quoit pegging at the Gymkhana at Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



OFFICERS OF THE SECOND WILTSHIRE REGIMENT, who are leaving Shanghai for home on February 26. Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. Barker, O.B.E., Commander of the Regiment, is seated in the centre of the second row.—(Photo by Carson Studio).



A NATIVITY CRIB.—To celebrate Christmas Day at Westminster Cathedral, in honour of the Nativity, a crib was arranged in St. Paul's Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, depicting the birth of Christ.—(Sport and General).



THE BADDELEY CAKE.—The cutting of the Baddeley Cake—an historic ceremony inseparably associated with Drury Lane Theatre—was performed on Twelfth Night by Mr. C. M. Lowndes in the grand saloon after the performance of "The Sleeping Beauty." Robert Baddeley, originally a cook, became a Drury-Lane actor. He died in 1794 and left the revenue of his house in Surrey for the support of an asylum for distressed actors, and a sum of money for the purchase each year of a Twelfth Cake, wine, and punch, to be partaken of by members of the estate at Drury Lane.—(Sport and General).



HAI ALAI EXPERTS OF THE AUDITORIUM, who have just arrived in Shanghai. Twenty-six of the Hai Alai players will show Shanghai something new in sports. They are without exception Spaniards and have gone there either from their homeland or from Cairo.—(Photo by Joseffo).



MODERN LOUNGE.—Furnished in the modern style, the cosy tourist cabin lounge on the N.Y.K. liner s.s. Siberia Maru, is designed for space and comfort.



Johnny Hines and Leila Hyams in "White Faced Witch". Now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.



RAMON NOVARRO, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star, now making "The House of Troy," discusses opera and voice culture with Amelia Galli-Curci, world famous opera singer. Left to right: Ramon Novarro, Amelia Galli-Curci and Dorothy Jordan who plays opposite Novarro.



DOUBLE BERTH.—A double tourist-cabin berth on the N.Y.K. liner s.s. Siberia Maru. These cabins are roomy and comfortably furnished.

The WOMAN'S Page

Net Costume for Evening Wear



Here is pictured an evening costume of beaded net showing an extremely decolletage neckline and long close-fitting sleeves. The sweeping train is outlined by shaded ostrich feathers, which graduate up toward the front and are matched by a huge feather fan. A silver wig and diamond necklace further enrich the costume.

TEA CUP TALES

[By Georgina Bratley] Reading fortunes from the tea cup is really not very difficult. What is necessary is a little imagination and some ability to concentrate on the cup, and it is worth while, for, when you have mastered this, you will find yourself very popular if you are able to tell your friends something of their future.

A white cup is better than a coloured one; and those egg-shaped, or with a concave bottom are better than the flat-bottomed cups.

It is a good plan to have two cups of tea before the cup is read, allowing the leaves of the first cup to remain while drinking the second one. In this way you will have a good number of leaves to read from, though a cup with very few leaves may be just as important.

Turning the Cup

The first thing to do is to turn the cup, do this with the left-hand, giving the cup a circular motion in the same direction as the movement of the hands of the clock. Repeat three times, then turn the cup down in the saucer to drain.

Hold the cup in the left-hand to read it, so that the handle is on the left side.

Should most of the leaves lodge near the handle it is an indication of a change of residence in a short time, probably to a larger house.

If most of the leaves are opposite the handle you are likely to remain in your present abode for a good length of time.

For Good Luck

Should the sediment be evenly spread it indicates good luck in general affairs, but, if it is thick, or in patches, it means the reverse.

Tea stems often indicate people; a hard black stem denotes a male; a soft light-coloured one, a lady, and these people will be short or tall according to the length of the stem.

If the signs or symbols formed by the leaves appear near the top of the cup, the events are likely to take place early; midway between top and bottom of cup, they are more distant and, if at the bottom, not for several weeks or months.

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WOMAN SMOKER'S BAG

Of all the feminine accessories, handbags vary more than any others. The latest is designed especially for the smoker. It is in strong pigskin and under a flap on one side are concealed two slots, one large enough to hold ten cigarettes, with matches on the other.

By the way, to add to its convenience there is, at the back, a small slit-pocket in which you can tuck a handkerchief, or flat puff.

Her Imperial Highness of Japan



This engaging little kimono-wrapped figure is not a Japanese doll, but is Her Imperial Highness, the Princess Terunomiya of Japan. The little Princess celebrated her fifth birthday on December 5, 1920.

CAP FOR THE BATH

It is so annoying, just after the hair has been waved, to find the steam from the bath very quickly taking out this desirable setting. But a new cap has been made for the especial purpose of preventing this. Like a sleeping cap, it is made of net, with reinforced side pieces and a ribbon to tie under the chin, and there is also a lining of waterproof silk, to protect the hair.

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WOMEN'S REVOLT

The Crisis of the Short Skirt

The women's revolt against the Paris "dictators of fashion" who have decreed the return of the long skirt fills many pages of American magazines and newspapers.

The views of indignant feminine writers are summarised by the Literary Digest, (New York) which, beginning with the question "Must women go back to tripping over their trains?" gives the essence of their answer in the expressive American idiom: "Not on your life!" In the past, it says, women had not so much as questioned the voice of the unseen dictator; this time they are mobilised and militant. "Even the Young Women's Christian Association" we read, "which fought tooth and nail against the flapper kilts when it first came in, is now just as vehemently resisting the revival of the shin-awarding flounces of the 'nineties. Nor is that the worst of it. With consternation one hears rumour—nay, a matter-of-fact report—of bustles. Also muffs—presumably to balance the bustles."

A clarion call to rebellion is sounded by Miss Fannie Hurst, the vivacious author of magazine fiction. Writing in *The New Republic*, under the title "Let's Not Wear Them!" she says that the Paris decree flies in the face of common sense and hygiene, to say nothing of aesthetics. For the radical changes in women's dress, which have been gradually evolved during the last ten years in the ferment after the war mean something much more to the modern woman than vanity and smartness. They eloquently represent her new psychological, sociological, economic, and political status. A peep into the wardrobe of Queen Victoria, for example, "might have proved, by negation, that she did not golf, drive a car, go to business, let her waistline alone, or wear two-ounce underthings."

A Court Dress



Miss Harriet Walker will soon marry Wellington Smith Henderson, son of former Senator and Mrs. Charles H. Henderson. Miss Walker followed Miss Helen Wills to the altar. Miss Walker is pictured in the Court dress she wore when she and Miss Wills were presented at the Court of St. James's.

THE NEW BLOUSES

Numerous effects and variations are seen in those odd skirts we must buy now that blouses have come back. The new blouses vary in style and material, and though tweed skirts may be worn with every type of blouse, marocain ones are severely tailor made so that they are appropriate with woollen blouses.

With a plain blouse it is usual for the skirt to be patterned, and vice versa. A few box-pleated skirts have been made, but, more often, they are quite straight and wrap-over, or a couple of knife pleats appear at one side. Godets at the hem-line are seen in silk skirts, but they are rare. Stitching is an ornate trimming and gives sturdy hems to light suitings.

PRETTY INDOOR MODE

One bolero-coatee in a Mayfair shop is made from broche satin and has a scarf end on one side of the collar only, tipped with fur, and there are wing sleeves also fur edged. This is a particularly pretty indoors mode. Another coatee is of moire velvet, and though this, too, is for indoors, it is quite different from the broche one, for it fastens across the hips tightly, and the wide cuffs are caught around the wrists, their extra width being arranged to form a loop of material.

MORNING FROCKS

Fine tweeds are used for the new morning frocks, and usually, they are made on Princess lines, with bodices fitting snugly, but not tightly. Skirts on such frocks are lightly flared and moderately long, and belts fit at a high waist-line. Fleck designs are more popular than patterns though small and distinct patterns remain in vogue.

These tweed frocks are often worn under plain, long coats, fur-trimmed, and the coat, whether plain or patterned, must fit as neatly as the dress itself. Black coats and black furs are fashionable over the brightest of tweed frocks.

fashion have the greater influence with women. Betting odds, we sadly fear, favour the directors of fashion at the ratio of about 100 to 1. In a similar strain in this comment: "But if women go back to the trains and the hoop-skirt and the big sleeve and the bustle, the masculine sex will at least regain its older reputation of being the less idiotically dressed of the sexes."

NEGLIGE MODES

The Joy Coat and the Kimono

A correspondent writes in the Singapore Free Press:

Although we connect the word "kimono" mostly with Japan, it is essentially the negligee of the Near as well as the Far East, and I suppose no woman in Malaya but possesses several of these delightful wraps in her wardrobe. In tropic lands when in the privacy of our own rooms, we are often careless about flinging of garments in search of what a young friend of mine calls "coolth," but servants out East are not taught to knock on our doors and await permission to enter, as they are at home, so as footstep approach, it is well to have an easy garment handy to fling over us hastily. The kimono fits the bill.

The Colours

"Kims" as the rising generation call them, can be bought from any sum up to any sum. Formerly one could only purchase black and white patterns cheaply; later the same designs appeared in blue and white and for a modest sum of \$2. Recently our No. 1 kimono house held a sale at which ravishing kimonos could be purchased in bewitching designs, and in all the colours of the rainbow, ready made for \$3. Other houses soon followed suit, and from this extremely modest price the range extends through better cottons, cashmeres thick and thin, up to beautifully embroidered silk kimonos fit for a Princess.

Christmas with its bewilderment over presents is gone, but when 1930's turn comes along and the festive season brings with it knit brows over gifts for home and here, don't forget that a kimono makes a very appreciated gift.

Or it may be you are Home-going this Spring; then place in the bottom of your trunk three or four of the latest makes in "kims," and your relatives at home will wish your leave come more often. For the Men Folk

Kimonos too are of both sexes, so when the bothersome spectre of

Debutante Favours Paris Mode



Society debutante pictured above displays an exquisite negligee of pale yellow crepe trimmed with hand embroidery and lace. This is the latest creation from Paris, the world's fashion centre.

is far cooler in this hot clime. Of quilted silk kimonos I will not write: these approach too closely to the dressing gown type and are only suited to a very warm climate.

There are many ladies, however, who entirely dislike the floppy kimono garment. For these a negligee can be made by following the straight lines of the kimono but crossing the front over slightly and tying it on the left side, above the knee, by ribbons to match some shade in the design. The shoulder is cut and fitted and a short sleeve put in. This sort of kimono has

for whom Mummie has bought one of these ducky little coats is indescribably cuddlesome looking.

To finish off the ease-garments described above, mules should be made and colours these days: so quickly slipped on that there is absolutely no excuse for any woman or girl to go about her room barefoot and so run risks that do not occur in a temperate climate, or where servants have cleaner habits.

More Eastern than mules are the pretty embroidered toe slippers which form the usual Christmas or parting gift to her Mem worked by the hand of Amah or Ayah. These slippers are as dainty and as practical as are the bought mules, and the wearing of them gives a sure pleasure to the native woman who has toiled perhaps evening after evening when her charge was in bed, to make a present worthy of offering to her mistress.

ATTRACTIVE MUFFS

Some very attractive muffs are seen in the shops just now. These new muffs are never large or ornate, but moderately sized, and contain a bag. A round muff in velvet is stitched with wool, and it seems as if there must be something particularly quaint in their "make up" to excuse their presence. A tassel or two is quite an ordinary trimming, and wooden buttons are bright decorations which fasten the pocket-bag.

The muff must, of course, tone with some other article of one's dress scheme—hat or scarf, and, perhaps, the gloves fall in with the ensemble too.

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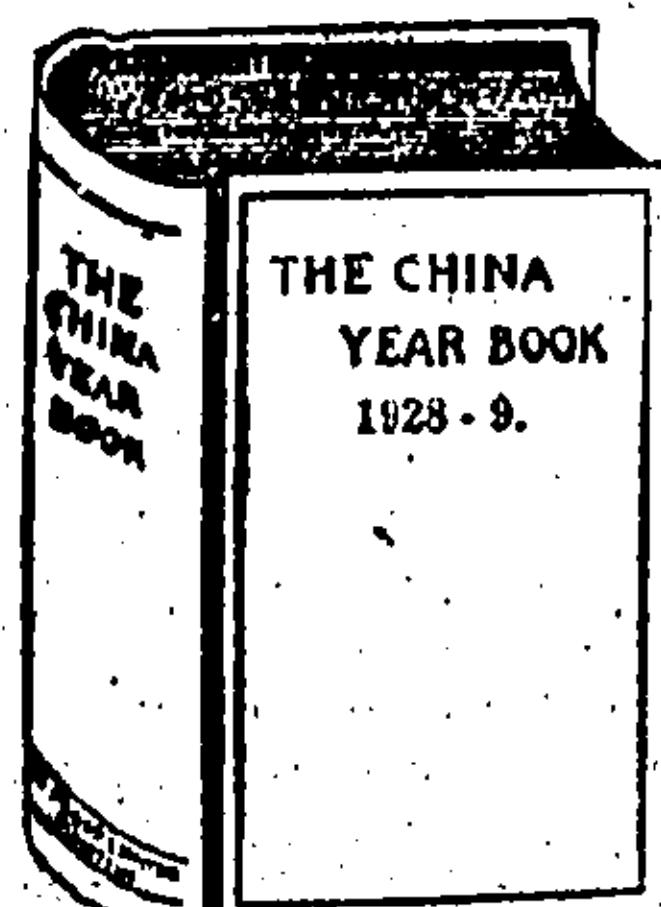
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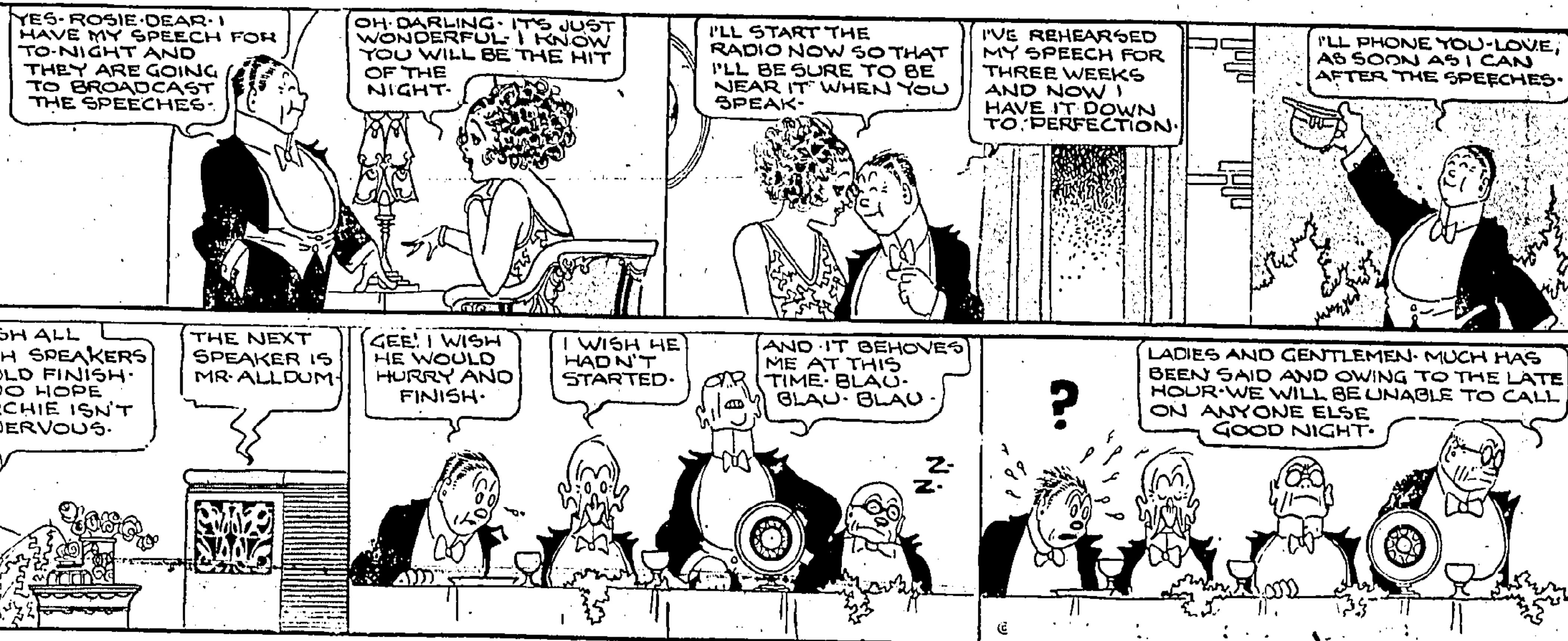


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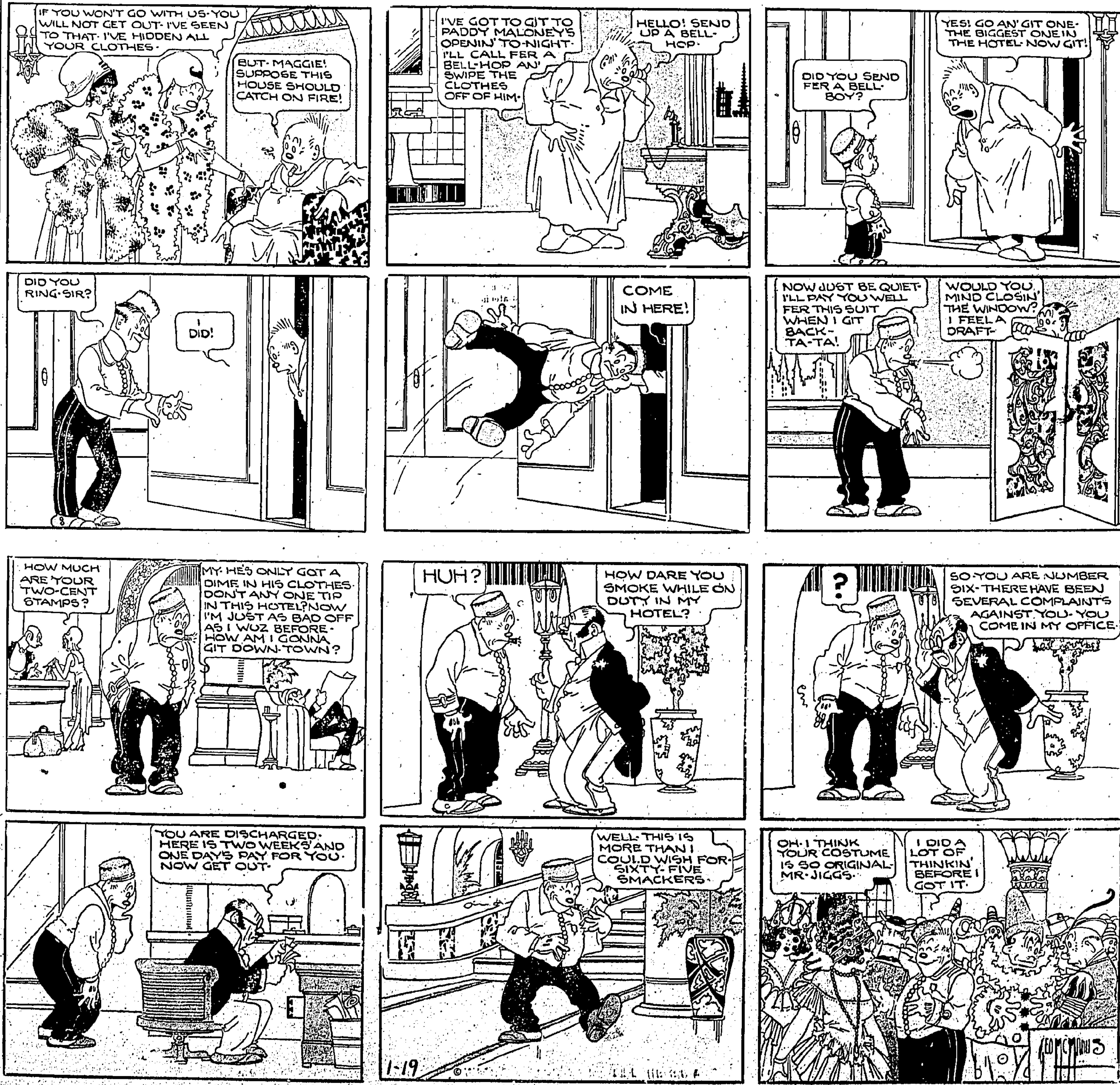
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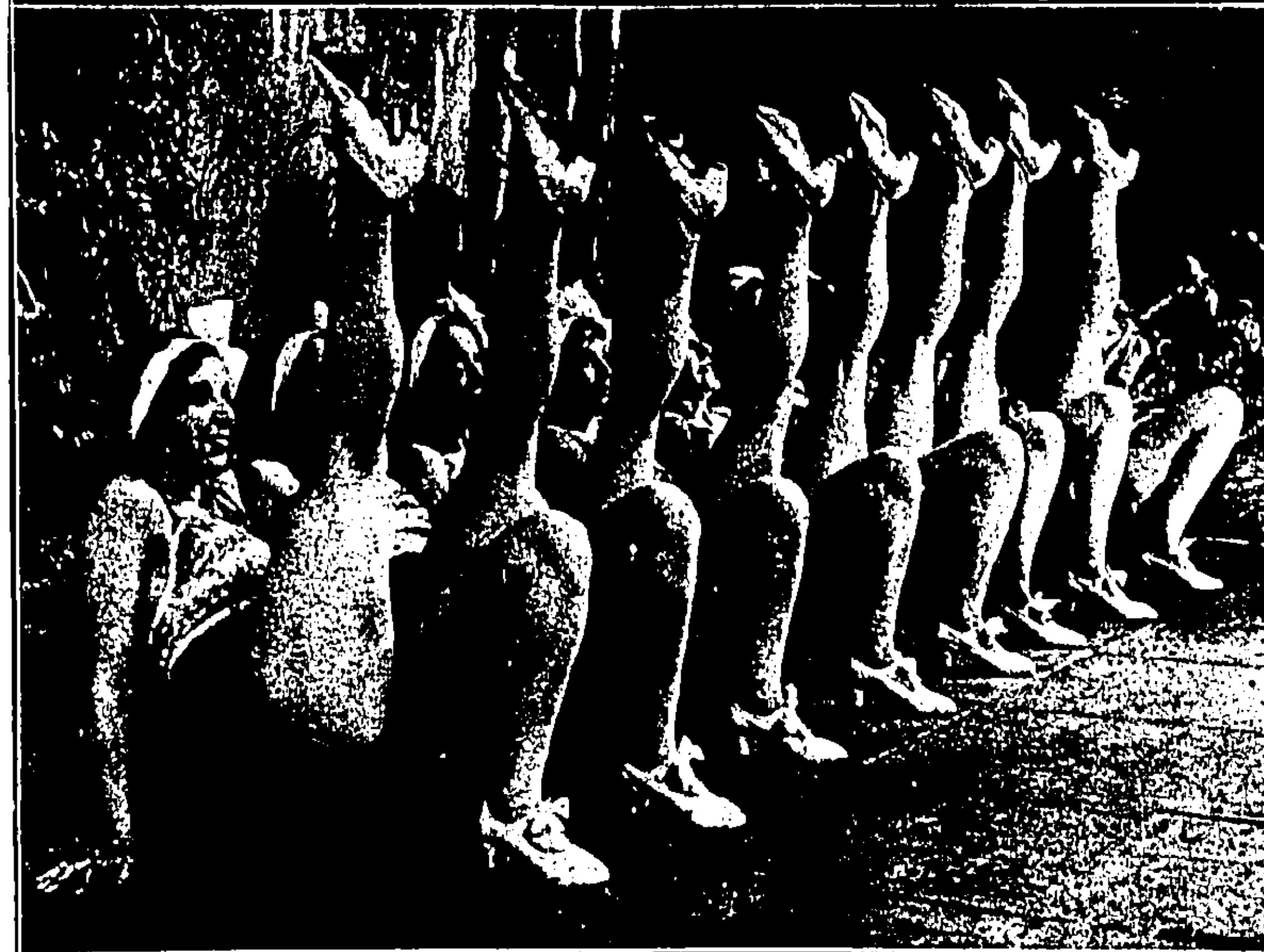
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FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL.—Twelve young Basque dancers from the Basque village of Berria, in Vizcaya, northern Spain, who have never been out of their country before, have arrived in England to take part in the annual folk dance festival held by the English Folk Dance Society at the Albert Hall, London. The Basque dancers are noted for their celebrated sword dance which they are rehearsing at the University of London.—(Sport and General).



STRIKING LEG DISPLAY.—The Grafton dancing girls perform for the Pathé's sound pictorial, in London. The troupe gave a striking display of the art of dancing during their performance.—(Sport and General).



CHINESE CADETS.—Under the arrangements entered into between the British and Chinese Governments, a number of Chinese Junior officers are being trained in the Royal Navy—both afloat and ashore. A party of sub-Lieutenants at their studies at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.—(Sport and General).



THE HUMAN FLY.—Jack Farnsworth, a six-feet clay cross (Derbyshire) athlete, has, as one of his diversions, the trick of walking up the sides of houses. Farnsworth, who is a collier, is adjudged the best six-feet athlete in the country, a challenge which he issues yearly. Jack Farnsworth walking up between the houses that are nearly seven feet apart.—(Sport and General).



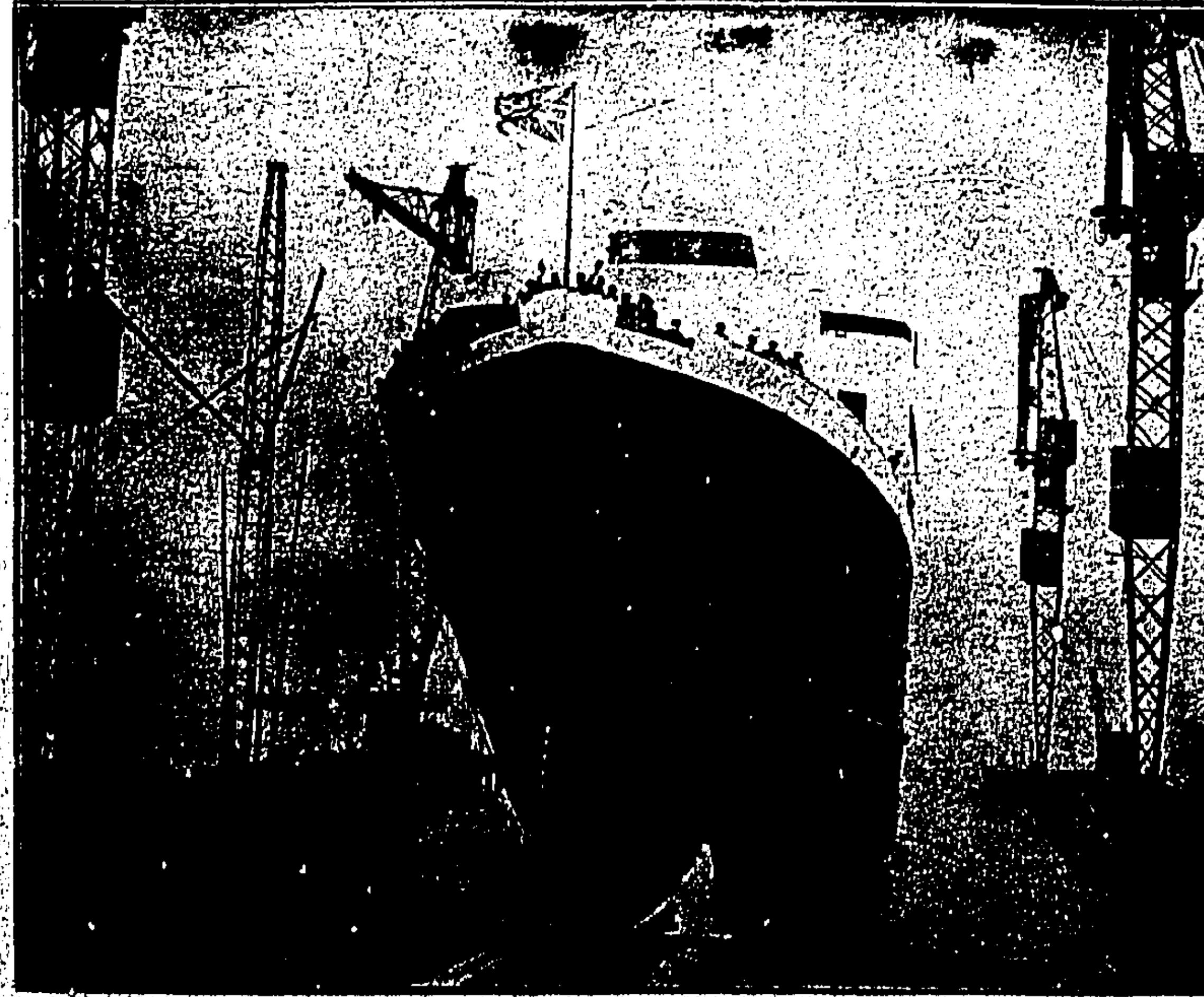
SWIRLING WATERS.—Owing to the abnormal rainfall of the last few months, hundreds of tons of water are rushing over the Aysgarth falls in the River Ure at Aysgarth, Yorkshire. A picturesque view across the Upper Falls.—(Sport and General).



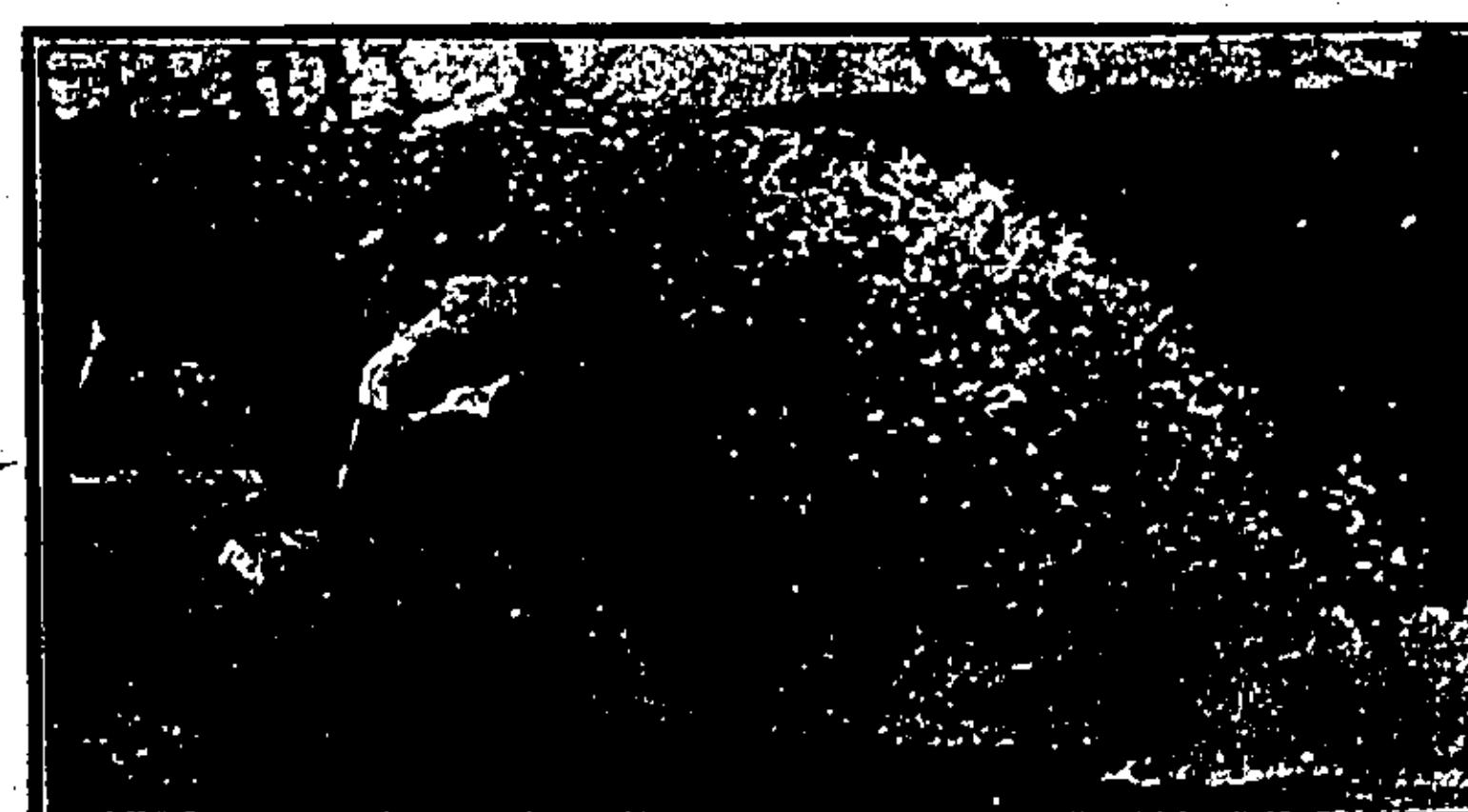
A LONDON CHARACTER.—Mr. "Ed." Crocker, a well-known figure at the foot of Westminster Bridge, who peddles postcards, and charges one penny to peer at Big Ben through his huge telescope. He has stood at this spot for 37 years.—(Sport and General).



REFLECTIONS.—The London ladies' Olympiades rehearse for their walking handicap in Battersea Park, London. Some of the competitors making a start on the flooded track.—(Sport and General).



S.S. PRINCE HENRY.—Miss Isabel MacDonald, daughter of the Prime Minister, performed the christening ceremony at the launching of the Canadian National Railways' s.s. Prince Henry (the first of three sister ships to serve the British-Columbia-Alaska route) at Messrs. Cammell Laird and Co., Birkenhead, Cheshire, on January 17. The s.s. Prince Henry going down the slipway.—(Sport and General).



"A MIGHTY SPLASH."—Lord Glandy's "Shaun O" (J. Sinnott up) jumps clear after putting up the water in the Burstow Double Handicap steeplechase, at Lingfield Park, Surrey.—(Sport and General).



QUEER PETS.—Mrs. Emerson, an old lady of Barnet, owns a pet lamb which behaves quite well with a pet dog, both animals accompanying their mistress on shopping expeditions. The lamb answers to the name of "Nan" and the dog to "Judy".—(Sport and General).



BREAKING THE HOE.—Miss Isabel MacDonald, daughter of the Prime Minister, performing the christening ceremony at the launching of the Canadian National Railways' s.s. "Prince Henry".—(Sport and General).

PLOT AGAINST SOVIET

Spurious Notes That Were to Wreck Credit

ARMED ATTACK

Oil Magnates Said to Be Involved

A STRANGE STORY

An extraordinary plot to overthrow the Bolshevik regime in Russia, by first undermining its economic foundations with a flood of spurious notes and then launching an armed attack from Georgia, was described in Berlin Criminal Courts recently.

Representatives of the German Foreign Office and of the Bolshevik Embassy were in court, and it is believed that the further hearing of the case will yield interesting political disclosures.

It is regarded as beyond doubt that the conspirators had the active support of General Max Hoffmann, the Chief of Staff, and virtual Commander-in-Chief of Germany's Eastern front during the latter stages of the War.

Further, circumstantial statements that the plot was financially backed by big international oil magnates have been widely circulated in the Berlin Press.

The accused consist of a Russian, Shavla Karunidze, a former professor, and six Germans, and they are charged with forgery.

The plan was to flood Russia with millions of spurious "chevronets" notes, and the conspirators had printed some thousands of almost perfect specimens before they were detected.

The forgery of French francs in Hungary by Prince Louis von Windisch-Gratz is supposed to have been the model followed.

THOUSANDS OF BOGUS NOTES

Karunidze is an educated man with a Moscow degree. Before the war he was a professor of history at Tiflis, and he was one of the signatories of the memorandum sent to President Wilson by the League of National Minorities in Russia.

After the first Russian revolution he was a member of the Georgian National Council, which was eventually suppressed by the Bolsheviks.

According to his ready admissions, great advances had been made with the first stage of the plot before it came to the knowledge of the German police. By means of a forged letter, purporting to come from the directors of a non-existent "Banque Turque-Persé," the conspirators induced one of the leading Munich manufacturers to supply them with 100,000 sheets of the finest watermarked paper. This item alone cost them £1,600. Plates for printing the notes and the necessary machines were obtained in Munich, Prague, and other towns.

Who supplied the funds for the equipment of the secret printing shop the defendant resolutely refused to say, just as he kept silence as to the sources from which it was proposed to finance an insurrection in Georgia and keep it going for at least six months.

When their plant was ready the defendants printed between 13,000 and 14,000 chevronets notes (the chevronet is nominally equal to £1). This first batch Karunidze described as a "trial impression." It was the intention of the defendants to produce such forgeries to the value of many millions sterling.

The falsifications were so near perfection that they were accepted without challenge by leading banks in Berlin, Munich, Frankfurt, and other large German towns. It was only after the most minute examination that the note experts of the Reichsbank succeeded in distinguishing them from genuine Bolshevik paper money.

When once their spuriousness had been discovered it was not found difficult to trace them to their source, and the defendants were arrested. That was more than two years ago.

Karunidze, who gave his evidence through an interpreter, repeatedly emphasized the patriotic character of his participation in the plot. On

THE C.E.R. DISPUTE

Nanking. Yesterday. To-day's Political Council meeting appointed Mr. Mu Teh-huei, Plenipotentiary Delegate to the Sino-Russian Conference for effecting a readjustment of the Chinese Eastern Railway. — Cranton News Agency.

JAPANESE GENERAL STAFF

Tokyo. Yesterday. Owing to General Moto having declined office as Chief of General Staff, the authorities have decided to appoint General Hanzo Kanaya instead. — Reuters.

Divine Comedy TRIUMPHANT. — The 10th anniversary of the publication of the Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri was celebrated yesterday at the British Museum. The exhibition, which included a reproduction of the original manuscript, was opened by Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, and the ceremony was presided over by Sir John Betjeman, Poet Laureate.

"NOT TO SWINDLE THE ROUND THE CINEMAS
FRENCH BANK"

CHINESE DEBTOR AND HIS TRANSACTIONS

PUBLIC EXAMINATION

His Lordship the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, sat in the Bankruptcy Court yesterday afternoon to hear the public examination of Kwok Sze-loi, alias Kwoi Chun-sang, alias Wing Sik-tong.

Debtor was examined in connection with the bankruptcy of Messrs. S. H. Kwok and Company. He was 29 years of age, and was the managing partner of the debtor firm.

Capital of \$20,000.

Replying to the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz), debtor said he had shares in the Tai Shing paper manufactory for 25 years. He, however, sold them for \$3,580 in November last. He had to do this in order to raise the sum of \$20,000 to repay a debt to his brother-in-law. The balance was raised by mortgaging his two houses.

The Company was started in 1928 with a capital of \$20,000, of which sum he contributed \$10,000. In the course of business, he ordered paper from a firm in Switzerland and accepted two bills worth £2,500. These fell due on December 15, last year.

Assets Called In?

Mr. Agassiz: — You were liable to the French Bank for £2,500 on these two and also on some others? — I deny I owed the French Bank this money because the officials told me that Biard was a substantial man and if they were referred to him he would pay.

The bank has obtained judgment for \$28,000 against you? — Yes. That is only repeat that I have but a single aim, and this I will keep before my eyes till I die. Georgia must be free, and it is all the same to me whether I must fight for her freedom against Tsarism or against Bolshevikism.

Attempts by the bench to wring from Karunidze the names of any of his accomplices not actually in court were quite fruitless, and he was ordered to stand down, and the hearing was adjourned. It is expected to last at least three weeks.

MARITAL STRIFE

Petty Quarrels and Arguments

* WIFE'S GRIEVANCES

That marriage, without its petty quarrels and arguments, would not be wholly successful was the observation made by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith yesterday afternoon in connection with the summons in which Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Soares figure for an order for separation, maintenance, and custody of their child brought against the husband.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the wife, while Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro was for the defendant.

Bertha Joana Soares again entered the witness box and continued her evidence, and made special reference to incidents which happened on separate dates last year. She stated that on December 15 her husband had a heated argument over the running of the house and the obedience of the servants to her orders. In the course of which he told her that if she was not satisfied she could go and that the door was open for that purpose. She went to her wardrobe and took out the money for the house expenses and threw it at him in anger, but it fell to the floor. Then Mr. Soares, it was alleged, put both his hands on her throat and almost choked her in an attempt to force her to pick up the money on the floor. He pressed her hard to the floor, but this was stopped by the man who pulled Mr. Soares away from his wife.

The next day Mrs. Soares warned Mr. Soares (they were both not on speaking terms) that he was not to touch his wife or harm her but he replied, "I am the husband and I can do what I like."

Mr. Soares then became meagre in his supply of money for food, and his wife had often to do without till dinner.

After borrowing 15 cents from the aman for a bottle of milk Mr. Soares refused to pay her back, and still further the witness said that there was never enough breakfast for her.

Things went on in the same way and on December 27, (her birthday) she asked her husband what he had decided, and he replied, "I have decided on nothing, and will carry on to see how long you can stand it."

In a subsequent examination, Mr. Soares said that that was insufficient, and he had given her £10 for pocket money but she said that that was insufficient.

On January 1 her husband promised her \$10 for pocket money but she said that that was insufficient.

Mr. Soares then got shooting and fishing equipment, and she complained twice on Christmas Day that there was not enough money for her to buy a new dress.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

Valued Asset in Dialogue Films

STAGE TECHNIQUE

Demands of the producers and directors of dialogue motion-picture productions for actors trained in the technique of the stage and in giving "lines" their proper value have brought to the screen many distinguished players who have won high rank on the footlights stage.

Most of them, of course, also have had experience in films during recent years, but they now find that their arduous years in "stock" and repertoire companies is a greater asset than is their record before the cameras. Retakes in dialogue pictures are far more costly and annoying than those in silent productions, and when roles are portrayed by actors trained in voice inflections and volume, the results are highly satisfactory.

One of the leaders in this profession whose name recalls stirring stage memories to many theatre-goers is Henry Kolker, star and leading man of other days, who is seen in the role of a Judge in "The Valiant," Fox Movietone all-dialogue production directed by William K. Howard, which is now at the Queen's Theatre. Kolker was leading man with Ada Rehan, Amelia Bingham, Nazimova, and other famous stars in their greatest success, created many star roles of his own and in motion pictures directed "Disraeli" as well as several productions with Alice Brady and other luminaries.

Other stage favourites carrying the principal roles in "The Valiant" are Paul Muni and Marguerite Churchill, John Mack Brown, DeWitt Jennings, Richard Carlyle, Edith York, and George Pearce.

FIRST SCREENING ON SUNDAY

Laura La Plante in "Show Boat"

A search extending over many months was made by the Universal Pictures Corporation and Harry Pollard, one of its directors, before a suitable actor was selected for the important role of Ravelin, the gentleman gambler in "Show Boat," the \$1,000,000 screen version of the famous Edna Ferber novel. Joseph Schildkraut finally was the choice.

This popular actor is a native of Vienna, but has been a popular stage figure in New York for a number of years. He has been also in various screen roles during the past few years, but the role of Ravelin is by far the greatest opportunity he ever had to establish himself as an accomplished screen star.

As a result of his excellent interpretation of his role in "Show Boat," he has been signed on an individual starring contract with Universal and will be seen in a series of outstanding pictures during the coming season. In "Show Boat," he is co-starred with beautiful Laura La Plante. The sensational picture will be seen here at the Queen's Theatre beginning tomorrow.

Universal paid Edna Ferber, author of the famous novel, "Show Boat," \$65,000 for the screen rights and then proceeded to make a million dollar talking picture of the story with Laura La Plante, Joseph Schildkraut and Otto Haslon in the leading roles.

Harry Pollard directed this interesting romance of love on the floating theatres of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers.

Other Cases

Adjudication was granted in respect of Shing Wo Tong, Tsueung Fu-kwong and Tsoung Ping-kwong, the latter two being partners in the King Edward Hotel. The Ka-Lun Fook Kee firm, alias the Ka-Lun firm, and Chung Kam-ching, were discharged.

said to him in Macanese "Strike her a good one" meaning slap her or kick her. This naturally raised another quarrel, and the sister struck her across her arm with a feather duster.

The husband then came on the scene and bumped her three times, when she returned the compliment.

Mr. Soares then took the electric heater which witness always used when bathing the baby away from the house. This she held as aggravating on his part, and revengeful.

That day witness went to see Major Willson and the following day she went to see Mr. Ogilvie at the Kowloon Court to have the dispute settled.

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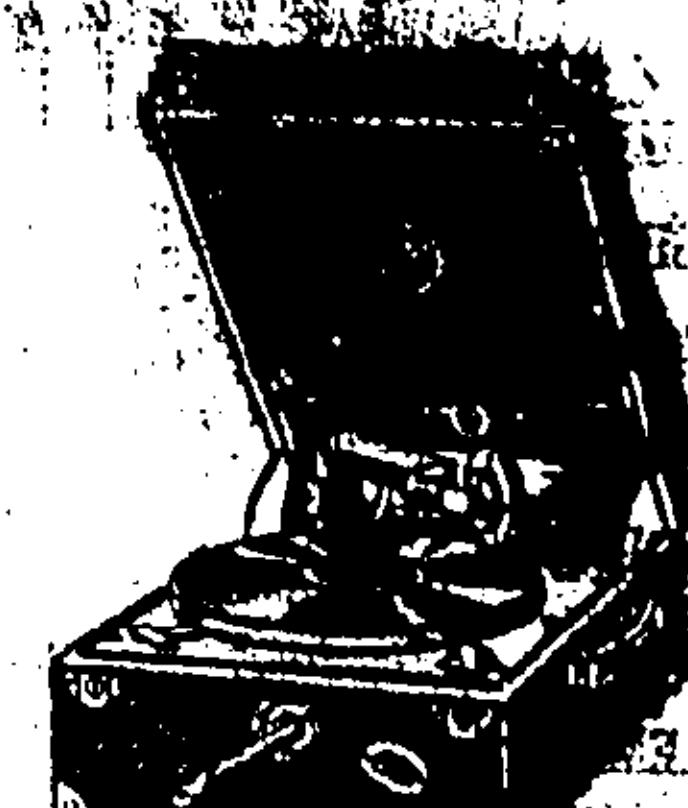
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Holy Communion (Peak Church),
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Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Sunday School at Peak School,
10 a.m.

Matins and Salve, 11 a.m.
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Evensong, 6 p.m.

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EXCHANGES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

On London—

Bank, wire 1/6 3/4

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Bank, 30 days' sight 1/6 3/4

Bank, 4 months' sight 1/6 3/4

Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 3/4

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On Paris—

On demand 947 1/2

Credits, 4 months' sight 1022 1/2

On Berlin—

On demand 101

On New York—

On demand 87 1/2

Credits, 60 days' sight 88 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire 102

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On Calcutta—

Wire 102

On demand 102

On Singapore—

On demand 65 1/2

On Manila—

On demand 74 1/2

On Shanghai—

On demand 78 1/2

30 days' sight (private paper) 78 1/2

On Yokohama—

On demand 75 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 100

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 12.47

Silver (per oz) 20.3/16

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LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124.16

New York 436.5/32

Brussels 34.89 1/2

Geneva 25.20

Amsterdam 12.12 1/4

Milan 92.90

Berlin 20.87

Stockholm 18.15 1/2

Copenhagen 18.16

Oslo 18.20

Vienna 34.58 1/2

Prague 184 1/2

Helsingfors 193 1/2

Madrid 38.87 1/2

Lisbon 108 1/2

Athens 37 1/2

Bucharest 81 1/2

Rio 5.15.32

Buenos Aires 42.15/16

Bombay 1/5.29/82

Shanghai 171 1/2

Hong Kong 1/6

Yokohama 270

Silver (per oz) 20.3/16

Silver (per oz) 20.3/16

Gold (per oz) 124.16

London Wireless Service

According to a Shanghai wireless service, the representative of the Norwegian Government who arrived in Shanghai on February 11, and invited Dr. C. G. T. Wicks to the same, stated that the Norwegian Government had been in communication with the Central Government on the abolition of

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DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

HOME WORK DISCUSSED

Sir Henry Gollan gave away the prizes at the Diocesan Girls' School yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of parents and friends of the school.

The proceedings opened with prayer and the singing of the school hymn, and included an entertainment presented by students of the school, who all acquitted themselves with credit.

Class 8 and Class 6 both presented Country Dances which were well executed and enthusiastically applauded by the audience. A choir picked from students of Classes 1 and 4, (all girls), gave a very fine rendering of the song "A Madrigal of Spring"; whilst two girls, representing Classes 5 and 6, respectively, danced a vigorous Irish Jig with an ease which spoke of painstaking coaching by the teachers.

The grand finale was the scene from "The Blue Bird", presented by a cast picked from Classes 2 and 9. The scene was a very picturesque one, the leading players, like the fairy, fire, water, and light, appearing in gorgeous, glittering costumes.

The parts were all well spoken, and the girls all acted their parts naturally. The tit bit of the scene was the fire and water dance performed by the Ho sisters, who pleased immensely.

School Report

Miss H. D. Sawyer, the head mistress, read the school report as follows:-

This is the 30th report of the present foundation of the Diocesan Girls' School, and in some respects it seems to me to be a record year. Not only have we reached our highest number on the roll, but also the highest average attendance. Here there is still room for improvement and I do very earnestly ask parents to realise that leave of absence should not be asked for if it can in any way be avoided. School holidays are given generously and children ought to be discouraged from taking odd ones during term time. Last year there was no class that had a full attendance for even one month except Class 1, who in the month of June (the examination month), did manage to get a full attendance.

"There have been unavoidable changes on the staff during the year. We are glad to have Miss Bedford and Miss Wentworth back again from furlough, and we are pleased to welcome Mrs. Pearce in April, and we are sorry to hear that she will be going home shortly. We were very sorry to lose Miss Odell who had worked with us for more than two years, and our sympathy goes out to her relations and friends in their loss. Miss Henehy came to us as our first certified drill mistress at the beginning of the year, and we were all sorry to say good-bye to her in December. I am sorry that most of the parents did not avail themselves of the invitation to the drill display given on the last day of term last year, when practically every class, I think I am right, in saying almost every girl went through some exercises in a very creditable manner.

Overwork Denied

I wish to dwell rather on the physical instruction class because I was told last year, by someone who is no longer in the Colony, that the girls are made to overwork. This is a very serious charge to make against any school and I would like to make a difference between hard work and overwork. I do expect every child here to work hard and do her best. I believe that one's school days are the days when a solid foundation for life's work should be laid, but I do not think it necessary, or right, that any child should be overworked or over-taxed. For this reason, I believe, in physical exercises given by a fully trained teacher, and so important do I think it that I put the drill classes in the morning, and the top classes have the earliest. This, just before their mathematics lesson. I also believe in games, and the school time-table provides for this from Classes 1 to 6, inclusive.

Preparation for School Hours in order to lighten the home work, a certain amount of preparation is arranged for in school hours for every class. Next to or rather along with physical exercises, I think that growing girls need plenty of good food and plenty of sleep with fresh air, and I do not carry this out in practice with the boarders. All dormitory lights must be out by 9 p.m., except Saturdays when 10.30 is permitted, and no child is allowed to be down stairs before 7 a.m. It is also forbidden to shut a dormitory door at night. We have very little discipline among the boarders, and Dr. Abbott had little to do with them, but after her very thorough examination of the school, she

said this year has been very good—there were no failures, and two girls qualified for matriculation—one of whom was a boarder who was a keen Girl Guide, who learned dancing and music, was a Prefect, and yet was able to be in bed every night by 9 o'clock.

For the first time the school entered for the Trinity College, London, music examinations. Of ten entries, seven passed. This is a good beginning. I hope one day a D.G.S. pupil will take her music degree. The Royal Drawing Society again this year awarded us a prize in Division 2, and of 222 entries, 118 passed with honours and 86 passed. Good progress has been made in this subject and for the first time for very many years we have passes in the highest division.

I am a little diffident about mentioning the Girl Guides because we took for the year every trophy the Colony offers. Honour to All

As I read this report I feel almost as though I were boasting, but, indeed, I do not need to do so. I want to give honour where honour is due. I congratulate very heartily those parents who have so

loyally helped and supported the school—I congratulate those pupils who have done well, I thank from the bottom of my heart all members of my staff, who have given willingly of their best, and who deserve that their work should be crowned with success and they themselves

should share in the glory of the school. Although I thank each member of the staff, and am grateful to each and all, I feel I must make special mention of Miss Walters, who, if she had her rights, would be on the high sea even now.

She is due for furlough this month and has cancelled her passage so that she might be with us to-day. She and Miss Clarke are responsible for the programme that will follow shortly. I know every one will



RUGBY FOOTBALL

Navy Unlucky Against the Club

With a very depleted team the Navy were unfortunate not to defeat the Club yesterday afternoon, at Happy Valley. Soon after the kick off, a fine movement by the Navy threes gave Evans the ball, and, eluding several of the opposition he opened up the scoring for the Navy. Goal points were not added. Divett equalised for the Club some minutes later, a fine pass from Massey enabling him to cross. This try was also unanswered.

Good work by the Club defence was all that prevented the Navy adding further points till a nice intercepting movement by Churchill gave the ball to Lammer for the latter to increase the Club's score after a splendid run. The Navy retaliated soon after, masterly passing ending in Smallwood getting over near the flag. Padden failed in a difficult kick. The Club pressed and good work by Divett and Bonnar gave them the lead again, through West. Divett did not add goal points. Churchill was playing a sterling game, repeatedly foiling the Navy's attempts to score. Bailey almost got over but Massey brought him down on the line. Atkinson, however, managed to secure and grassed the ball, thus making scores even.

No further scoring took place in the second half, the Navy being responsible for most of the attacking but lacking the final effort. Play finished three tries all.

Harlequins Beaten at Birkenhead

Played at Birkenhead in fine weather, on a soft ground Birkenhead Park beat the Harlequins by 16 pts. to 3 pts. The Harlequins played Hamilton-Wickets and Worton, but started short, through the non-arrival of Prescott. The Park were superior in the first quarter of an hour. Wilson and Law scored tries, which Richardson failed to convert. After Prescott's arrival the Harlequins were the better team, but they lost many chances to score.

Park scored in the first minutes of the second half, Gibson taking Roberts' pass and Wilkin converted. Nearing the end, Bankley got over for the Harlequins, but failed to convert. Birkenhead were a splendid side at the close. Bradner ran with great pace for a try, and Wilkins converted.

HOCKEY

Gunners Defeat Club "A" Team

In a hockey match played on the Marina Ground yesterday afternoon, the Hong Kong and Singapore Brigade, R.A., defeated the Hockey Club "A" team by 4-1.

Forthcoming Matches

The following will represent the Kowloon Indians' hockey team against the K.B.S.F.P.A. on Monday at 5.15 p.m. sharp at King's Park ground:-

Surjan Singh, Joginder Singh, Khush Mohammed, Kalwant Singh, Mohinder Singh, Feroz Khan, Avtar Singh (Captain), Gurbachan Singh, Attar Singh, Ajit Singh, Karnail Singh.

Reserves: Atma Singh, M. A. Khan.

Club v. Navy in Sim Shield

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their Sim Shield match with the Navy on the U.S.R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday:-

C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, J. Rodger, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. A. Dand (Captain), J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, M. G. Marriott and T. J. Price.

GOLF

Starting Times For To-morrow

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for to-morrow:-

9.16 a.m. C. B. Riggs, J. Morris. 9.28 W. J. S. Key, G. B. S. Thomson. 9.32 J. Fleming, A. Ritchie. 9.36 K. S. Robertson, D. S. Edward. 9.40 A. W. H. Edie, D. Ellis. 9.44 L. G. S. Dodwell, H. U. Ireland. 9.48 C. E. Holmes, J. W. Robertson. 9.52 W. C. Clark, S. S. Perry. 9.56 A. G. Coppin, H. C. Shrubsole. 10.00 R. K. Valentine, H. Spicer. 10.04 J. P. Warren, J. H. Little. 10.08 E. M. Bryden, G. Davidson. 10.12 T. G. Bennett, F. A. Redmond. 10.16 W. S. Hillier, J. Jones. 10.20 J. N. Grant, H. Hampton. 10.24 A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Hinton. 10.28 A. D. Humphreys, C. C. Roberts. 10.32 F. M. Ellis, R. P. Moodie. 10.36 E. Des Voeux, O. Eager. 10.40 E. Lewis, C. Thwaites. 10.44 M. H. Turner, A. B. Raworth. 10.48 J. S. Drummond, D. J. Gilmore. 10.52 I. H. Geare, A. E. Lissaman. 10.56 L. Yates, J. A. Bloomfield. 11.00 G. E. Ellams, J. Coulthart. 11.04 G. W. Sellars, T. S. Whyte-Smith. 11.08 D. Kern, B. J. Lacon. 11.12 A. Anderson, A. O. Brown. 11.16 A. Leach, F. H. Crapnell. 11.20 R. K. Hepburn, E. D. Lawrence. 11.24 L. H. Ruffin, C. M. Gee. 11.28 D. S. Robb, J. Forbes. 11.32 A. B. Purves, N. K. Littlejohn. 11.36 K. R. Rounds, O. D. Brown. 11.40 H. A. Lammert, B. D. Evans. 11.14 W. A. Stewart, J. Harrop. 11.48 N. M. Currie, W. L. Alexander. 11.52 S. A. Seth, J. S. Dykes. 11.56 W. A. Weight, A. R. Cox.

The usual Sunday train service will be available.

BOXING

Scott and Sharkey to Meet Soon

That Phil Scott's American manager, Mr. Jimmy Johnston, is now willing to permit the British champion to box Jack Sharkey at Miami, Florida, next month, the winner to meet Max Schmeling, of Germany, for the world's heavy-weight title, is the latest announcement from New York on this much-discussed subject.

It is not to the liking, however, of Mr. Charles Rose, Scott's English manager.

"Nothing is arranged up to the present for Scott to meet Sharkey," he said. "Negotiations to that end are taking place, but if the men meet I shall insist that the world's heavy-weight championship be at stake."

Max Schmeling has done nothing to warrant him having a fight either with Scott or Sharkey, and he has no right, in my opinion, to box for the world's title."

Our Sports Diary

LOCAL

Tennis — Tournament at H.K.C.C. daily except Sundays.

Football — To-day — Shield Competition, Senior, Royal Artillery v. South China; Police v. Kowloon; Club v. Navy; Chinese Athletic v. Somersets; Junior, Kowloon v. Chinese "A"; Somersets v. South China, Club v. Eastern; Chinese Ath. "B" v. Ewo.

Cricket — To-day — Division I: C.S.C.C. v. Royal Navy; Kowloon C.C. v. H.K.C.C.; University v. Army; Division II: R.E. & S. v. R.A.O.C.; H.K.C.C. v. Craigmonger C.C.; Recreio v. University; Friendly: C.S.C.C. II. v. R.A.S.C.

To-morrow — Combined League v. K.C.C.; Kowloon C.C. ground, 11 a.m.; Craigmonger C.C. v. Volunteers, 11 a.m.

Hockey — To-day — Kowloon Ladies v. Club de Recreio, 3 p.m.

To-morrow — Club de Recreio v. Royal Air Force, 10.15 a.m.

Monday — Kowloon Indians v. K.R.S.F.P.A., 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday — Hockey Club v. Navy, 4.30 p.m. (Sim Shield).

Athletics — To-day — Central British School Sports, 2 p.m.; annual Hong Kong Marathon, 3 p.m.

Canoeing Hunt — To-morrow — Inter-Port Meeting at Canton, and Hounds Meet, Kwanti-Race Course, 3 p.m.

Chess — Tuesday — C. M. Sequira v. J. S. Smith; S. G. Hayes v. D. E. Carvalho; G. Woudenberg v. B. Soltau; H. W. Randall v. Sir Henry Pollock.

Racing — Hong Kong Jockey Club — February 22, 24, 25, 26 and March 1. First Day, 2 p.m.; other days, noon.

HOME

Football — To-day — Wales v. England (Amateur); English Cup and Scottish Cup ties.

February 22 — Scotland v. Ireland.

Rugby Football — February 22 — England v. France, Twickenham; Scotland v. Ireland, Edinburgh.

Billiards — February 21 to March 29 — Amateur Championship, London.

CRICKET

Local Teams To-day and To-morrow

To-day v. H.K.C.C. (League):—

W. Bruce (Captain), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, N. H. Ross, F. Zimmern, D. Liang, F. E. Lawrence, A. T. Lee, A. W. Ramsay, and S. Jex.

To-morrow (11 a.m.) v. Combined League:—E. C. Fincher (Captain), E. F. Fincher, F. Goodwin, N. H. Ross, F. Zimmern, F. S. W. Smith, F. E. Lawrence, A. T. Lee, G. A. V. Hall, S. Jex, and W. C. Hung.

Combined League

The following have been selected to play for the Combined League to-morrow on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground commencing at 11 a.m.:—

G. R. Sayer (Captain), F. C. Baker, E. B. Reed, A. H. Madar, W. A. H. Maxwell, E. W. Hamilton, F. H. Holdman, D. J. N. Anderson, A. A. Rumjahn, Tsui Wai-piu and E. A. Lee.

Navy v. C.S.C.C.

The following will represent the Royal Navy in a League match

versus the Civil Service on the latter's ground at Happy Valley to-day, commencing at 2 p.m.:—

Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Walstall, Comdr. F. C. Baker, Lieut. G. Cobb, Lieut. D. P. Evans, Leading Telegraphist R. Genge, Sub-Lieut. A. O. Johnson, Able Seaman F. Laslett, Sub-Lieut. P. C. Mosley, Midshipman J. L. Rathbone, Stoker S. Ticehurst, A. N. Other.

Scorer: L.S.A. Cook.

BONZO

I WISH I'D LIVED IN THE DAYS OF CHIVALRY!

TENNIS

M. K. Lo Gets a Shock in Tournament

J. A. E. Cassumbhay gave M. K. Lo shock in the first round of the Open Championship Singles at the Hong Kong Cricket yesterday.

At one time Lo was actually in danger of defeat, after his opponent had taken the third set 6-0 and led 3-1 in the next. Lo was very tired hereabouts, but fell back on his greater experience and managed to pull the match out of the fire.

M. W. Lo beat Luk Kang-cheung comfortably in straight sets, the latter being outplayed.

Results in detail were:—

Open Championship Singles.

First Round

M. W. Lo beat Luk Kang-cheung, 6-0, 6-0, 6-2.

E. W. Liang beat T. C. Monaghan, 9-7, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0.

M. K. Lo beat J. A. E. Cassumbhay, 6-2, 6-0, 0-6, 6-4.

S. A. Rumjahn beat A. D. Humphreys, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.

Open Championship Doubles.

First Round

Ho Wai-hing and Chiu Tsun-chiu beat D. S. and S. E. Green, 6-4, 6-3.

Club Championship

First Round

A. L. Sullivan beat D. M. Macdougall, 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A"

First Round

H. J. Armstrong (4-6) beat O. E. C. Marton (2-6), 6-0, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles

First Round

H. Mijhoff and H. Le Sueur (scr.) beat T. J. Prior and G. S. Hugh Jones (2/6), 6-4, 7-5.

The ground is being used for cricket to-day, but the tournament will be continued on Monday.

CHINESE STRIFE

Chiang Called on to Abdicate

CHALLENGE TO NANKING

Peking, Yesterday.

Shansi papers print the text of a telegram from Yen Hsi-shan to Chiang Kai-shek. It refers to the present conditions throughout China, and the internal strife resulting in the "military comrades" of the Kuomintang, all of whom are disciples of Sun Yat-sen," killing and wounding each other.

It goes on to express doubt as to the efficacy of achieving unification by military force, and reminds Chiang Kai-shek of his frequent statements that he will retire, and calls on him to "abdicate his seat," whereupon Yen will follow suit.

The telegram is regarded here as a challenge to Nanking, which will probably lead to hostilities. It is known that Shih Yu-san and Han Fu-chu are at present intimately connected, and thought relations between them and Yen Hsi-shan are not clear, there seems to be no doubt locally that they will combine.—Reuter.

Will Not Resign

Nanking Yesterday.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, interviewed to-day, acknowledged the receipt of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan's telegram but stated, emphatically he would not resign, but on the contrary he would make every effort completely to suppress all reactionary elements throughout China.

It is considered here that this strong statement is of far-reaching importance in the immediate political developments.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER PROMOTIONS

The following promotions in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps have been gazetted:—

Lieut. M. A. Johnson; M.M. to be Captain.

Lieut. H. R. Forsyth, to be Captain.

Second Lieut. Alex Hutton Potts, to be Lieutenant.

Second Lieut. Jose Simao Rodrigues, to be Lieutenant.

Sergeant L. F. Nicholson, to be Second Lieutenant.

IRELAND TO HAVE A RADIO STATION

TO BE BUILT AT ATHLONE AT COST OF £70,000

FREE STATE'S PLANS

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Irish Free State is to have its own high-power station from which programmes will be broadcast.

Plans have been submitted by the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs for the erection of a transmitter, which will probably cost £70,000, and these plans have now been officially passed.

Although the actual site has not been definitely decided upon, it is considered likely that the new station will be built near Athlone.—British Wireless Service.

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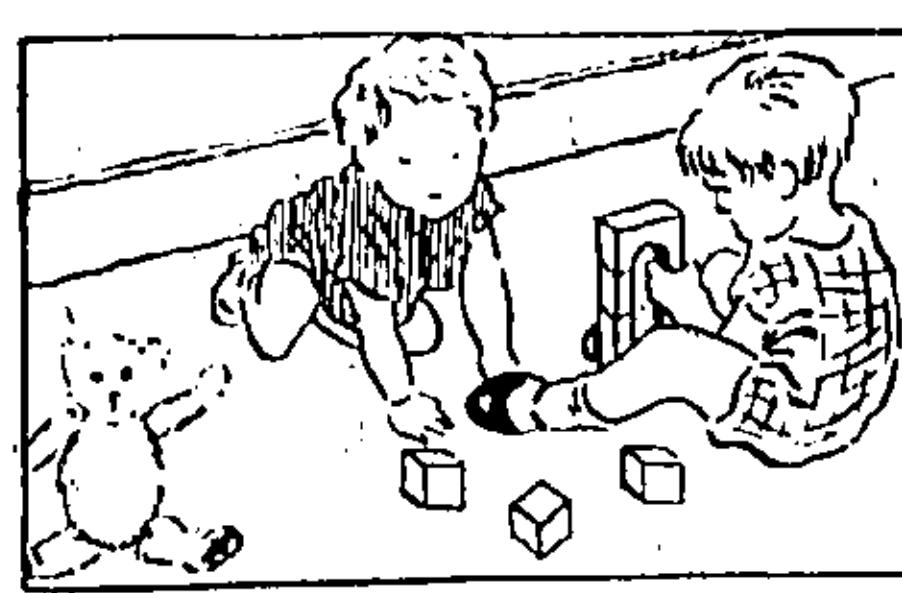
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

THE FIRST DAISY

Very slowly down in its grassy bed the little daisy opened out its snow-white petals and smiled up at the sun from its golden eye.

"Where are all the other daisies?" it called, looking round over the green grass.

"They are all waiting for someone to be the first; you will soon have plenty of companions," cried the lark as it went high up in the sky.

When the sun went down the little daisy closed its petals, feeling very lonely, but the next morning when she opened her eyes there all round her were even so many smiling daisy faces. "The lark has wakened us up," they cried, "and now you won't be lonely any more."

The daisy smiled at everyone who passed by, and people said: "Look, spring has come; you can place your foot on 12 daisies at once!"

But they did not, because everyone loves the trusting, innocent, wide-eyed daisy. So the lonely daisy went on smiling up at all the passers-by.

A PRETTY TIN TRAY

A pretty little tray for odds and ends can be made from picture postcards. Select eight pretty postcards and obtain four pieces of thin glass the same size as the postcards, and a square piece of cardboard with sides as long as the postcards. You will also require a length of narrow ribbon. Take two of the postcards, place them back to back, place a piece of glass over the one you desire to show outside, and bind the three together with the ribbon, doing so by stitching tightly at the corners. Make four of these sides, and then stitch them together in the form of a square, the glass showing outside. Cover the cardboard with material to match the ribbon. Sew it into place for the bottom of the tray and you will find you have made a delightful little present for mother or auntie at little cost.

FOR TINY TOTS

Robert, who had been absent from school, brought no note in explanation.

"But why have you brought no note?" asked the teacher.

"Mother was too busy with spring cleaning, sir," came the reply.

"But father should have written then," suggested the teacher.

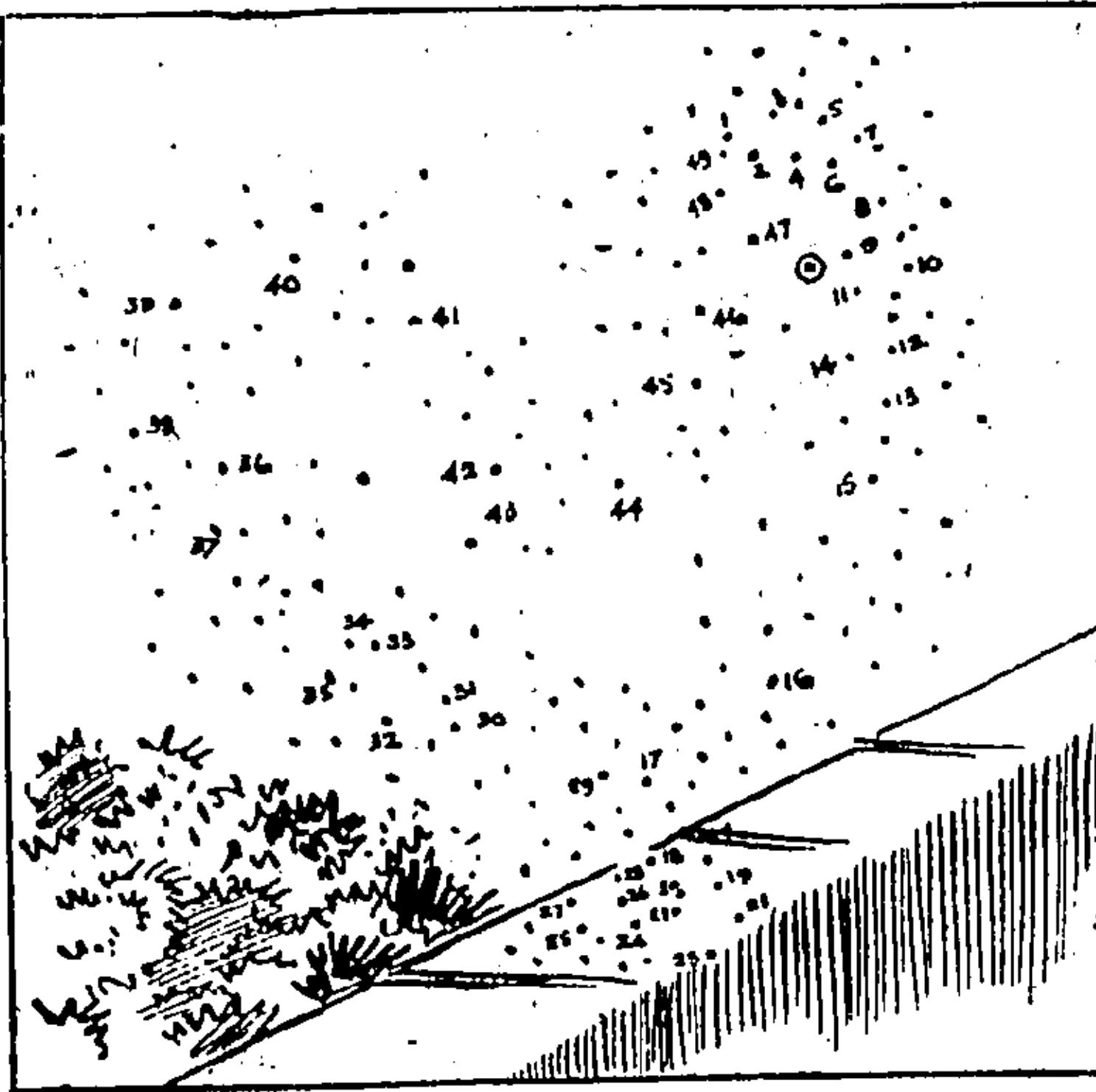
"Oh, he's no good at excuses, sir. Mother finds him out," came the frank answer.

Accumulative

"What," asked the teacher, of one of her pupils, "do we mean by the word 'plural'?"

Pupil: "By the plural of a word we mean the same thing, only more of it."

OUR FARMYARD PUZZLE



Here is a picture of a certain bird, a popular member of the farmyard. To discover what it is, draw a straight line from the numbered dot to the second numbered dot and so on in order, stating at No. 1 and finishing with No. 49.

LEPER BOYS & GIRLS IN SCOUT WORK

GREAT INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM SHOWN

A WONDERFUL CHANGE

(Continued from Last Week.)

At Cebu a Scout troop was formed which is now known officially as Troop No. 112. A company of Camp Fire Girls was started and is now known as "Sunshine Camp, Camp Fire Girls." Registration of this camp with the National Headquarters has been requested, but they are without charter at present.

Dr. Juan de Goitia, a district health officer of Iloilo, having heard of the work which these two organizations were accomplishing, requested that if possible I take the necessary steps to establish units at the Western Visayas Treatment Station, located at Sta. Barbara, Iloilo. To comply with his wishes I requested the transfer of Scoutmaster Tomas Gomez, Jr., to that place. He was transferred from the San Lazaro Hospital about three months ago and he has succeeded in organizing a troop of Boy Scouts and a company of Camp Fire Girls, who due to great efforts were able in two weeks time to take part in the Rizal Day exercises, and, what is more, in full uniform.

the institutions where they are confined, not one of them breaking the rules nor making any attempt to escape, but rather dissuading and preventing others from escaping, taking an active part in all athletic games and physical exercise which is absolutely essential for their well-being, living cleaner and more contented lives, their thoughts not concentrated on their infirmities but diverted into other channels, receiving their injections and proper medical treatment—which at times is very painful—without a murmur. They respond more readily to medical treatment and a larger percentage of them become negative. Then again, whenever there is a necessity, the Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls are called upon to act as guards or to maintain order. In previous years, for instance, at the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila, when the feast of San Lazarus was celebrated, extra guards were hired to assist in handling the crowd of fifteen to twenty thousand persons that visited the hospital. Now the Boy Scouts perform this labour, and, without compensation, as this is against the rules of the Boy Scouts. The Camp Fire Girls also have organized themselves into brigades and on each Saturday they "clean house," even to the scrubbing of floors.

Their Hard Lot

Interest and enthusiasm regarding the work and the welfare of these boys and girls have been aroused. Many persons who never

gave a thought to the lepers are to-day making donations to assist them. Their numbers, however, are increasing and their needs are greater. Is it not true that a little assistance, or a little encouragement that might be extended to these young people, would add very much to their happiness? Sick and "shut-ins," they are striving to make the world a better place to live in; they are trying not only to be happy themselves but to bring happiness into the lives of others. Shall we pass them by and forget them or will we extend a helping hand in their time of need?

The Cubs' Corner

day, when he received 60 Boy Scouts from India. Mr. Wedgwood Benn said he greatly admired the ideals of the Boy Scout movement, standing, as they did, for good service. He also said that if the Chief Scout enrolled all members of Parliament as Boy Scouts at this moment, there would be no more war.

Happy German Boys and Girls for her boys and girls, and Germany has certainly shown the world how children may be persuaded to revel in the joys of the open air. Throughout the length and breadth of the country 2,500 holiday shelters have been established—many of them were once soldiers' barracks—and in them young people can be lodged for the night, not luxuriously, but in safety and comfort. Each young guest pays two pence for a bed, which has a straw mattress and pillow and blankets. There are baths and facilities for cooking.

Last year three million German boys and girls took to the road and used these shelters, wandering through the lovely Rhineland and the Black Forest in the certainty of finding shelter and safety each night. They wandered on foot—the ideal way—welcoming sun and blustery weather. Germany's scheme might well be imitated in other countries.

We all agree that children should be taught to delight in Nature, but until we provide some workable scheme by which they can explore the out-of-door world they must be content with haphazard glimpses. The guide movement, with its well-organized camping, has done much to show the child the delights of the out-of-doors. But we will approach the ideal state of affairs when we can offer all our boys and girls a holiday tramp, under safe conditions, and at a cost of about one and a halfpenny per day, as Germany is doing.

The Secretary of State for India paid compliment to the influence for the Boy Scouts, the other

EAT MORE FRUIT

Farmer Burney's orchard was a source of great temptation to the boys at Welton School. Autumn had arrived, the apples were ripe and the low wall between the playground and Burney's land proved no obstacle to the pupils in their efforts to reach the coveted fruit.

For some time the farmer's watchful eyes failed to detect the elusive Jimmy Done who, with bulging pockets, entered the school premises nightly after a tour amongst the apple trees.

Jimmy's good fortune, however, came to an abrupt end. He was caught at last, the headmaster was informed of the boy's misconduct and, as a punishment, the culprit was set the task of writing one hundred original lines.

Half an hour later he was knocking at the door of the headmaster's room. In response to the stern "Come in" he entered and, timidly approaching the austere gentleman at the desk, handed him two sheets of foolscap.

A frown which clouded the schoolmaster's face rapidly changed to a good-humoured smile as his eyes fell upon the boy's writing.

In neatly executed penmanship the words that met his gaze were "Eat More Fruit."

KING BABY

King Baby, heir to all the coming years,
The future ruler in a thousand spheres;
On thee the wisdom of the past descends,
For thee to use and mould to noble ends;
Thou art the comer of a regal race,
An heritage no time can e'er efface.
And thus full conscious of the vision fair,
We stoop to bless, and give thee tender care.
Not ours the power to give thee wealth or fame,
Nor grant the promise of a famous name;
But we can guard the health (the prize of life)
To fit thee for the struggle and the strife.
To make the road less rugged, and the steepes,
Less hard to climb, before life's twilight creeps.
And thy fond mother's, ours the joyful task
To give the wisdom only mothers ask—
The pure solicitude of heart and mind,
That joys in love, and loves in being kind.
We ask no other praise than year by year
A stronger race should in our land appear,
A race made virile by a noble creed,
To give of health, and share another's need.

Most Unfair

"What is the matter?" mother asked
Of her sobbing little lad.
"Daddy's gone to the dentist, mum."
And it makes me feel so sad!"
"Why, yes," she said, "but he won't
be hurt.
So, darling, don't be afraid.
His old false teeth have worn out,
you see,
And he's having some new ones made."
"I know! I know!" was the fierce reply.
"That's the trouble; can't you see?
'Cos everything that daddy wears out
Is always cut down for me!"

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The contents of this week's Overland China Mail give every promise of the already brisk demand being exceeded—it would be well, therefore, to place your order now in order to avoid disappointment.

Full reports are given of the interport golf match, which Hong Kong won in convincing manner. The Football Association has had a lively meeting in regard to the question of control of the game. The usual week-end cricket is given due prominence, which may be said of the other sports fixtures.

In the legal world interest has centred on the decision in what is known as the "Diamonds Case" which concerns a claim against a Bank for a parcel of diamonds, lost in the Bank. The judgment of the Chief Justice is a most interesting one. At the Magistracy the trial has begun of so-called pirates' agents, who are arraigned on charges connected with alleged negotiations for the ransom of one of the victims of Deli Maru piracy.

The report has been published of the Star Ferry Company, whilst the annual meeting has been held of the Land Investment and Agency Co. — all will be found in the Overland China Mail.

Letters to relatives and friends in other parts of the world frequently fail to be written even by the most ardent correspondents. It is a kindly thought, therefore, to ensure that those away from the Colony, or folks at home, should have an unfailing supply of Hong Kong and China news every week—by means of a subscription to the Overland China Mail.

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"MAIL" REVIEWS Professor's Interesting Brochure ON POISONS

"Poisons," by J. T. J. Morrison, M.A., M.Sc., M.B., F.R.C.S., Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology in the University of Birmingham; Benn's Sixpenny Library, London.]

This excellent little book gives a very graphic description of poisons, dealing with the historical aspect; how they act; the symptoms and treatment; the corrosives; arsenic and other inorganic irritants; vegetable poisons; alcohol and carbon compounds; gaseous poisons; food poisons; together with an appendix and bibliography.

Dr. Morrison says that in the popular sense a poison is a substance which is capable, in small doses of harmful or deadly effects; but there are recognised poisons which are only fatal in large doses, and after all, the question of large or small is relative. Orsila is quoted as having said in A.D. 1814, "Of all the branches of medicine, the study of toxicology is that which excites the most general interest. The naturalist examines the varied forms of poisons and arrives at a method of pointing them out. The physiologist seeks to explain their mode of action. The physician directs his attention to the search of means capable of destroying their action. The chemist brings to perfection the process necessary to enlighten the magistrate whose duty it is to punish the guilty. The private individual is fond of discoursing on the properties of poisons; he never ceases to deplore the fate of the victims of negligence or mistake, and to feel for the unhappy wretches whom despair has hurried on to suicide; incensed

at the most cowardly of crimes, he regards with horror the execrable assassin, and loudly demands his punishment."

This brochure is well worth reading, containing a mine of information, and should not be missed. This is one of two hundred publications in this series.

MR. OPPENHEIM'S LATEST

"The Glenlitten Murder," by E. Phillips Oppenheim; Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton; 7/6 net.]

If you use the correct ingredients every time, and the same amount of them, you will find that your cookery produces very much the same sort of pudding every time. But Oppenheim's cookery is so skillful that, with pretty much the same ingredients, he manages to produce novel after novel with regularity, and yet to retain a distinct margin of change between the lot of them.

We have always considered that one who can read more than one of P. C. Wodehouse's books in six months has the mentality of a moron or an M.P. But one can comfortably read three or four of Mr. Oppenheim's in that period.

The "Glenlitten Murder" at first made me think that Mr. Oppenheim had used an extra large amount of an ingredient, of which he is seldom prodigal,—a murder mystery. And this the author can handle as well as anyone. But more was to come. There was, of course, the jewel mystery, and there was—but we are not going to spoil the story for our readers. Suffice it to say that the plot takes a most unexpected turn and the denouement is as startling as it is satisfactory.

Mr. Phillip Oppenheim has been turning out novels regularly for at least thirty years, for it must have been about 1900 that we first read, and were fascinated by "Mysterious Mr. Sabin." Recently we have tried to analyse the peculiarly elusive yet pleasant *je ne sais quoi* which stamps all his writings. It is probably a certain quaint trick of diction, or perhaps, to narrow it closer, a trick of the arrangement and punctuation of his sentences. For where the average man would have written "I have never heard one friend so eloquent before," said his neighbour, "I have never before" his neighbour declared, "heard our friend so eloquent." And he has a marvellous number of ways of phrasing "said he," "said she"—those bugbears of the budding novelist. Justus Miles Forman had a somewhat similar trick of stamping personality on his work by little conceits of diction.

But perhaps instead of reading all this our readers had better buy the book and find out for themselves. They will be sure of a thorough treat.

THE CADUCEUS

Interesting Articles in
New Issue

NUMEROUS PLATES

The November issue of the Caduceus (the Journal of the Hong Kong University Medical Society) is now published. It consists of a very lengthy and interesting report, two original articles, the editorial, therapeutic notes, review of books, notes and comments, and acknowledgments.

Fifty-two pages are occupied by a Clinical Report of the Tain Yuk Hospital and of the Maternity Bungalow, Government Civil Hospital; being the work of the School of Midwifery of Hong Kong University, which has been prepared by Professor R. E. Tottenham, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., and Drs. D. K. Pillai, S. K. Lam, and P. C. Lai. It is illustrated by fourteen good plates, numerous tables, and altogether shows what fine work this particular department is doing.

Dr. Hugo A. Fawcett, D.P.H., writes on "Science and Sanity" which is by no means a technical, but very general article and essentially ethical in character. Numerous quotations are given from Confucius, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Arthur Thompson, Julian Huxley, and others. This essay should interest especially the religious section of readers, but will undoubtedly interest all. There is much matter for thought.

Beri-Beri

Dr. Alexander Cannon, Ph.D., M.D., records some research work done on the bacteriology of beri-beri, and gives reference at the foot of the page to further work reported in other journals at Home on the pathology, and clinical aspect of the disease. Full details are given with such precision that this research should be easy of confirmation. There is one plate. Indeed, the work throws new light on this problem which has been handed down through the decades. The facts are clearly laid out, and no doubt is left in the readers' mind.

The editorial reviews a decade's advance in medicine, and forcefully reminds one of the things which one has not done and perhaps ought to have done. Special reference is made to the conferring of the distinguished degree of M.D., upon Professor Shellshear, by the University of Sydney, and also the special award of a gold medal.

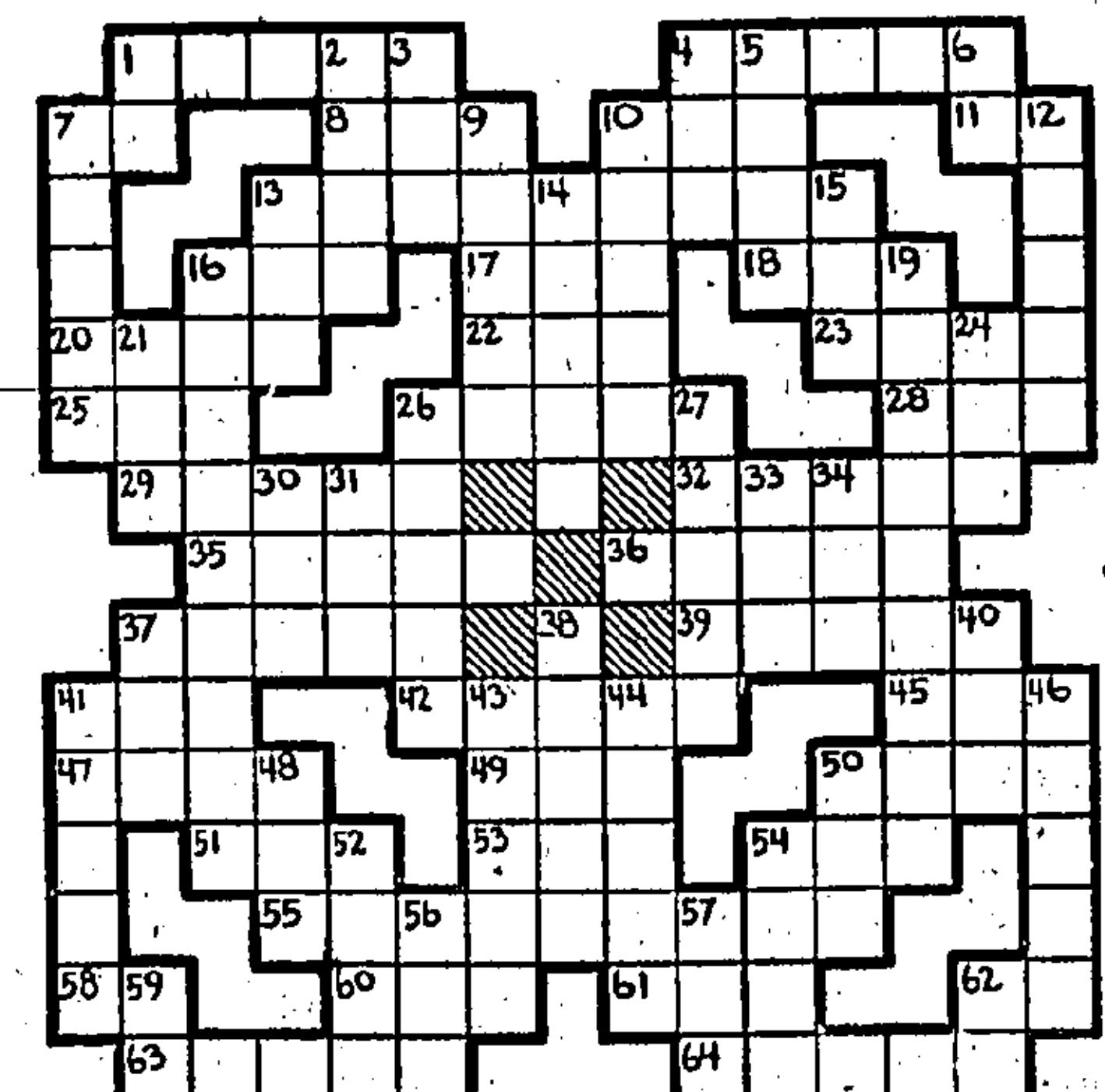
New Professor Welcomed

Under notes and comments, a hearty welcome is given to the new Professor of Medicine, Surgeon-Commander, W. I. Gerrard, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H. Dr. Osman, the Assistant to the Professor of Pathology, is also congratulated on being awarded the local M.D., as a fitting climax to the work he has done in Hong Kong. Mention is made of Professor Tottenham's departure for Europe, where he will visit Vienna, and Dublin. Dr. Samy is acting as Chief during the Professor's absence. Reference is made to Dr. Castro Basto's appointment as Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Kwong Wah Hospital, and to his distinguished career whilst in Europe.

The editor is to be congratulated in not making this Journal monotonous, like so many other Journals; it comes before us from quarter to quarter with new types of articles, and to some extent, new style.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as *horbor*, *plow*, and *altho*.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Embrace firmly
- 4—Teach
- 7—Musical note
- 8—Even (contr.)
- 10—A church official (abbr.)
- 11—Upon
- 12—Permit
- 13—River in Poland
- 14—Oceans
- 15—Male descendant
- 16—Aspire
- 17—Child's hat
- 18—Requires
- 19—Salt (Latin)
- 20—The Mohammedan religion
- 21—Happy
- 22—Harvests
- 23—Man's name
- 24—More precious
- 25—Mementous
- 26—Pester
- 27—Arriving to India
- 28—Desires
- 29—Urgent
- 30—Contused
- 31—Intermittent fever
- 32—Irregular (abbr.)
- 33—Peculiar

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 34—Rest
- 35—To talk nonsense
- 36—In Biblical use, a covenant
- 37—Revolved that
- 38—Horn (abbr.)
- 39—Mineral spring
- 40—Exultation, exulting triumph
- 41—Obey
- 42—A kingdom of Europe
- 43—Birds
- 44—Young hog
- 45—The earth (Latin)
- 46—Companions of the Order of the Indian Empire (abbr.)
- 47—Youthful attendants to royalty
- 48—Upwards
- 49—Crowds
- 50—Period of time
- 51—A shade
- 52—Writings
- 53—Watch over
- 54—A small fly
- 55—Birds
- 56—Code sign for an instance
- 57—Praised
- 58—Small river ducks
- 59—Sudden emotion
- 60—Cookingoda
- 61—A day
- 62—Equal in value
- 63—An age
- 64—Cookingoda
- 65—Sudden emotion
- 66—Ever

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 1—Depart
- 2—Observed
- 3—A small shade
- 4—Chinese plant
- 5—Person (abbr.)
- 6—None
- 7—Refuge
- 8—Birds
- 9—A day
- 10—Equal in value
- 11—Small river ducks
- 12—Cookingoda
- 13—Sudden emotion
- 14—Cookingoda
- 15—An age
- 16—Cookingoda
- 17—Ever

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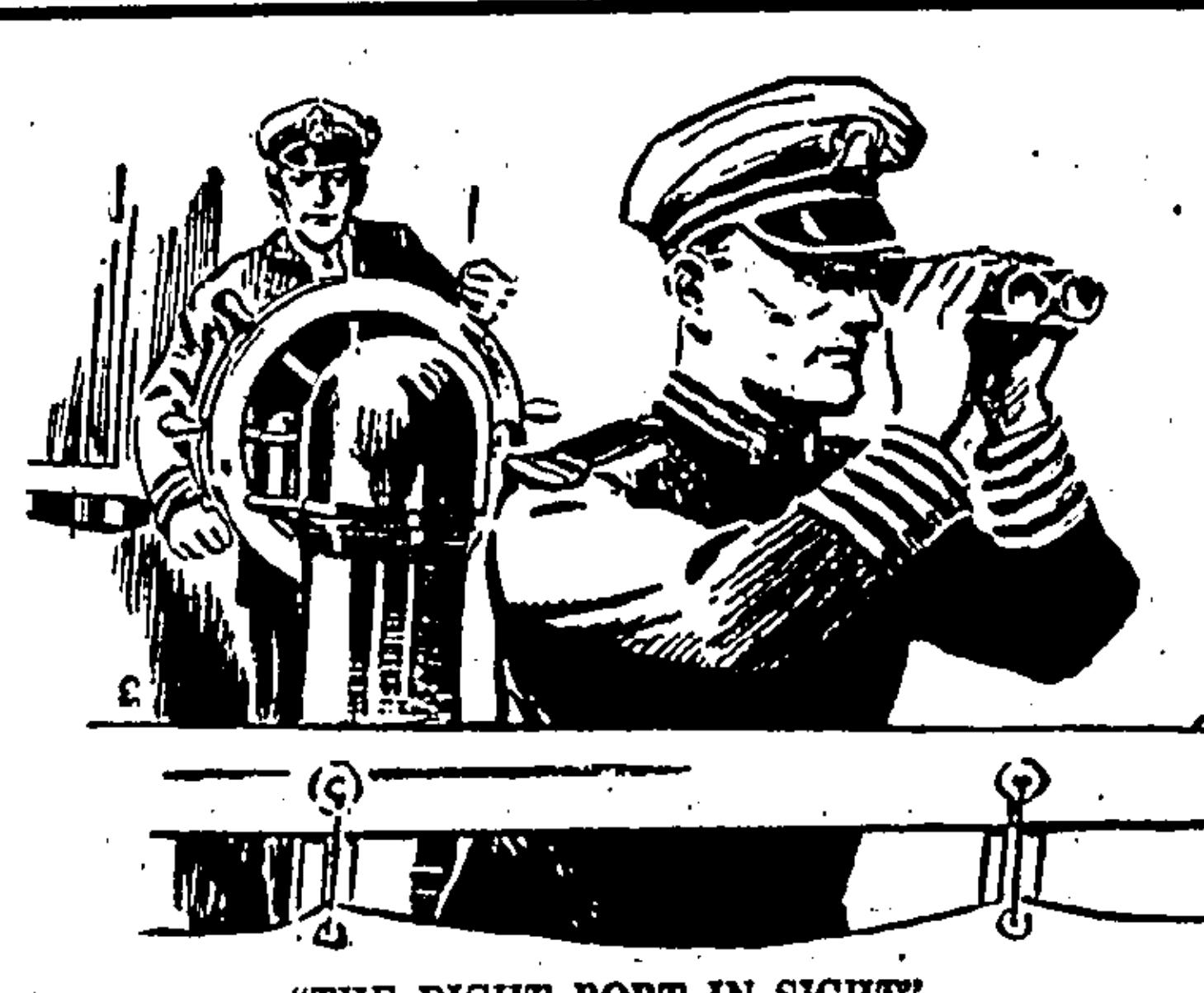
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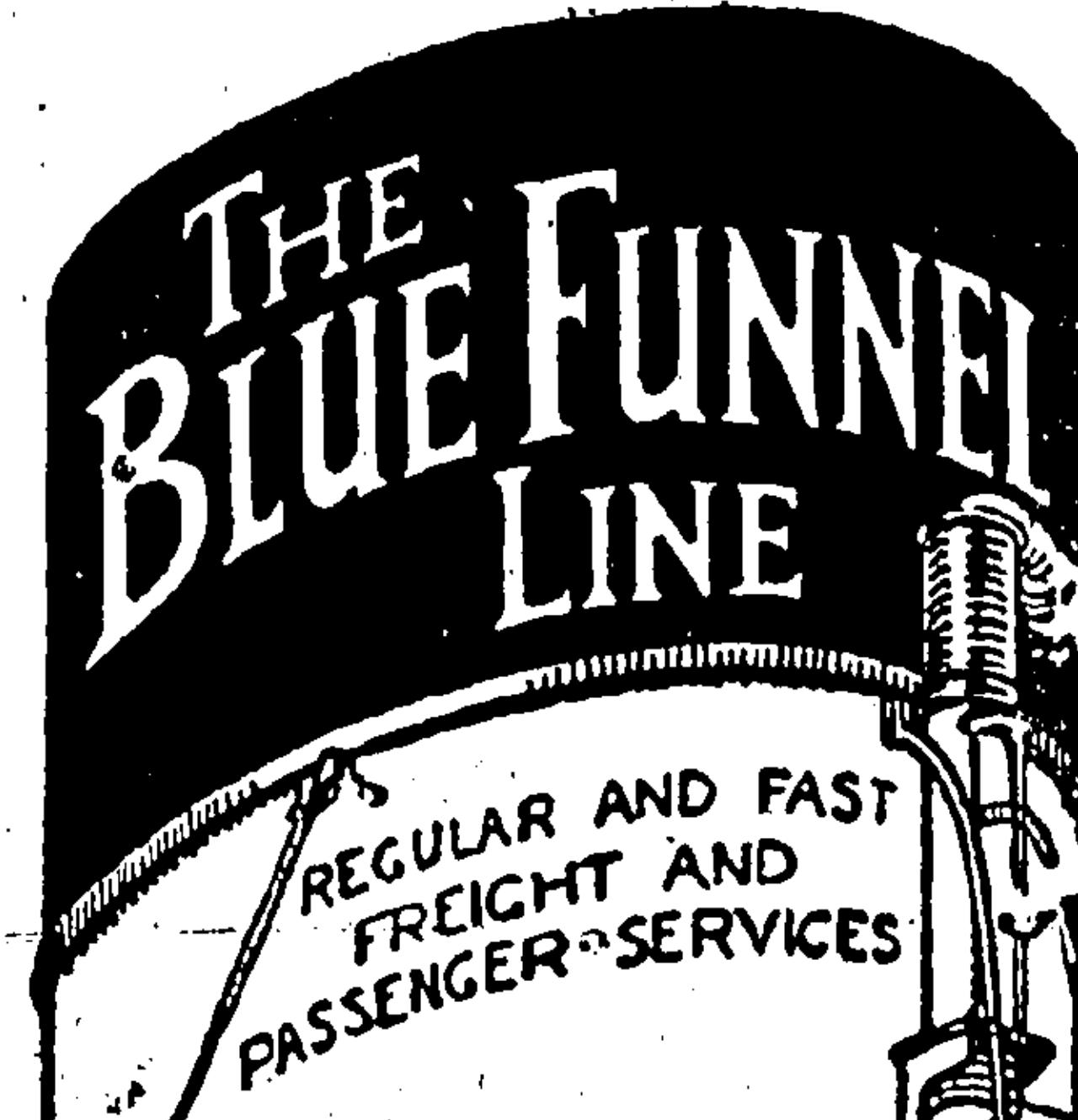
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18.		
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Japan		Kaga Maru
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	Springbank	1.30 p.m.
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Sam Shui and Wuchow	Chian Lee	5 p.m.
Manila	Anhui	5 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei		
Amoy		
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Mart	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan	9 a.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	11 a.m.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17.	Katori Maru	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Alderamin	9.30 a.m.
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The words in many instances, such as in Orlando Gibbons' exquisite madrigal beginning "The silver swan, who, living had no note," are equally as lovely as the music, and the leader of the sextette, Mr. Cuthbert Kelly, was wise to recite to us the words before they were sung, since his speaking voice is almost as delightful as his singing voice. He explained that it was customary in the great houses of the Elizabethans for the people of the house, assisted by the servants, to assemble in the banqueting hall after supper, and to produce their music books just as a modern family might produce the bridge table. This domestic music is typical of the English character, which is redolent in every one of the songs, although some of the audience may possibly have felt that the artificial folk songs arranged by Dr. Vaughan Williams from crude but quaint material, such as the old sea shanties, were a trifle out of harmony with the pristine loveliness of "Softly Slinging Lute," (Francis Pilkington), "Though Amaryllis Dance in Green," and the mystical "Ave Verum Corpus, Natura de Maria Virgine," (both by William Byrd). It was an enchanting evening, and the English Singers are to be deeply thanked for coming so far round the globe to bring an essential part of England to its exiles.

—R. S.

SPAIN SEETHING IN REVOLT

VEHEMENT ATTACKS BY PARTY LEADERS ON THE KING

WARLIKE CROWDS

Madrid, Yesterday. Vehement attacks on King Alfonso, coupled with the prevalent industrial disputes, are enhancing the difficulties facing General Berenguer in his task of "leading back the country to constitutional methods."

The only definite fact emerging from the very confused political situation is that the Socialists are at present the only organised party. Moreover, they are in a fighting mood and the criticisms which they previously levelled against De Rivera are now directed against the King. Public opinion is excited at the revelations of the alleged abuses, maladministration and spendthrift habits of the dictatorship. The older parties are endeavouring to re-organise, but are handicapped by lack of leaders. The stage is at present held by Unanumo and Lerroux, Liberal and Republican leaders respectively, who are making virulent attacks against the King.

The Government has instructed the Madrid Municipality to speed up the public works and absorb the unemployed, in the hope of preventing further disturbances. The police at Barcelona last night dispersed warlike crowds who stoned and sacked the headquarters of the Patriotic Union.—Renter.

KING & QUEEN BACK IN LONDON

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Madrid, Yesterday. Their Majesties, the King and Queen will arrive in London tomorrow from Sandringham. Their Majesties will take up residence at Buckingham Palace for an indefinite period, during which the King will hold a Privy Council and two investitures, besides conducting a great deal of State business and receiving distinguished visitors from time to time.

Among the Queen's public engagements will be a visit next Tuesday to the British Industries Fair, which opens on the previous day. Her Majesty has paid frequent visits to the Fair since it was inaugurated.—British Wireless Service.

WOOL MARKETING SCHEME

Rugby, Yesterday. It was announced at a meeting of farmers at Leeds that the Government was prepared to assist a wool marketing scheme by loan of £3,000 a year for a term of years without interest, if wool growers would contribute £5,000.—British Wireless.

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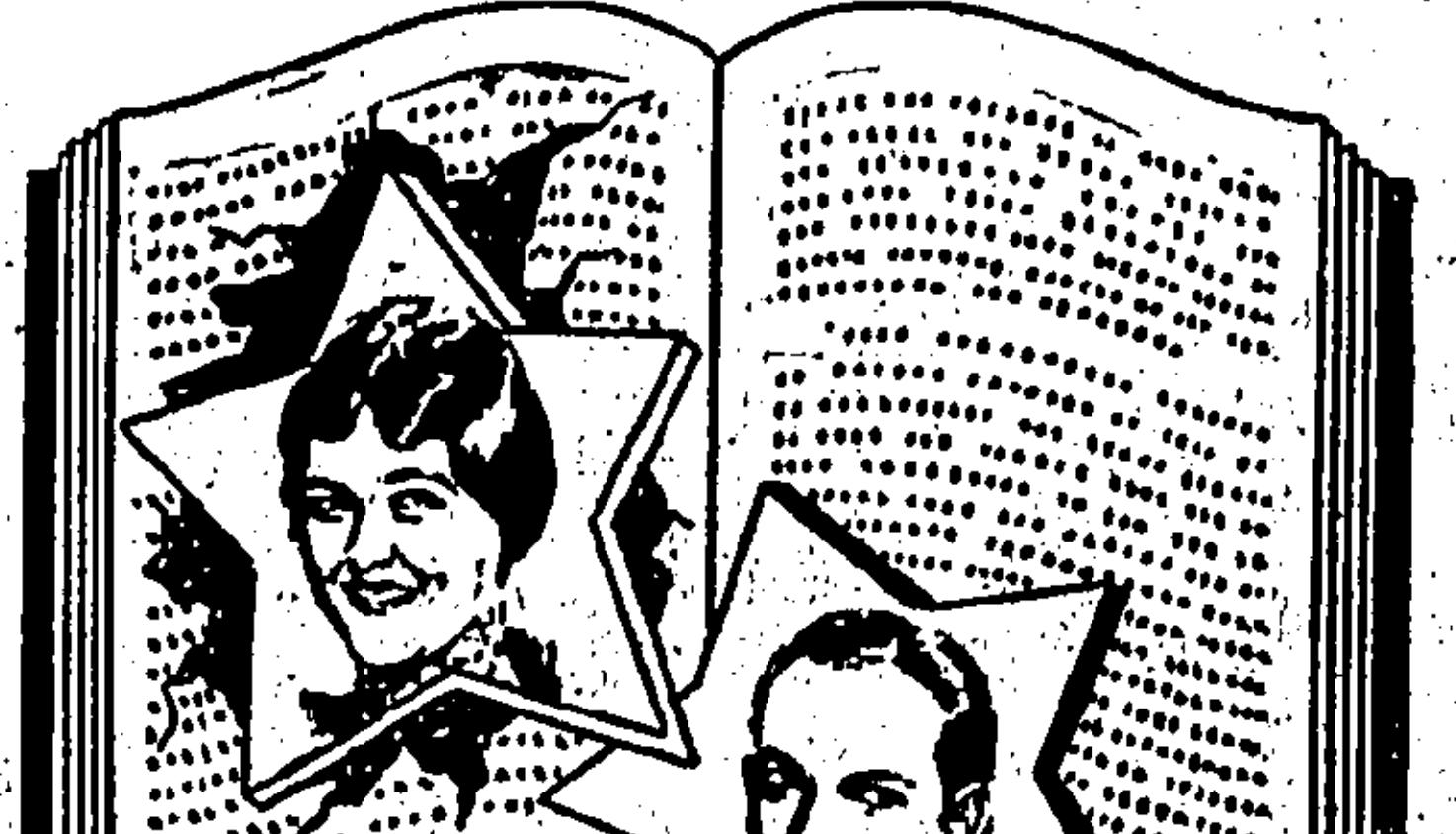
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